

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 541

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the semicolon, insert “specifying when temporary cash assistance may not be paid under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to provide certain exemptions for certain families; requiring the Secretary to establish a separate State program for certain families receiving temporary cash assistance; repealing a requirement for the Secretary to establish a representative payee or voucher program for certain minor children;”; in line 10, strike “of Human Resources”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 17 down through the first semicolon in line 23.

On page 2, in line 3, strike “47(d)” and substitute “47(d), 51,”; and in line 8, strike “and 57”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

“51.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and in regulations adopted by the Secretary, a local department may not pay temporary cash assistance to:

(1) A family that includes an adult who has received more than 60 CUMULATIVE months of temporary cash assistance FUNDED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY FEDERAL FUNDS; or

(2) A family that includes an adult who:

(i) Has received more than 24 CUMULATIVE months of temporary cash assistance FUNDED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY FEDERAL FUNDS; and

(Over)

(ii) Who is not participating in a work activity.

(b) The Secretary shall establish BY REGULATION: [a representative payee or a voucher program of benefits for the minor children in a family that includes an adult who has received more than 60 months of temporary cash assistance.]

(1) PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY EXEMPT FAMILIES FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION FOR REASONS OF HARDSHIP; AND

(2) A SEPARATE STATE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THAT:

(I) IS FUNDED ENTIRELY FROM STATE GENERAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD ANY FEDERAL MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT;

(II) SHALL PAY TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WHO ARE EXEMPTED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BUT WHO CANNOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS DUE TO FEDERAL LIMITATIONS; AND

(III) IS SUBJECT TO ALL FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS IN THIS TITLE.

(c) The provisions of this section are subject to federal law and regulation.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 5 through 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 5 through line 20 on page 11, inclusive.