

# SENATE BILL 452

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By: **Senators McCray, Elfreth, Guzzone, King, Peters, Rosapepe, and Zucker**  
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program – Temporary Cash Assistance – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds in the budget to  
4 ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined with federal food  
5 stamps, is equal to at least certain percentages of the State minimum living level for  
6 certain fiscal years; and generally relating to temporary cash assistance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Human Services  
9 Section 5–316(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 5–316.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor  
17 shall provide sufficient funds in the budget to:

18 (i) ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined  
19 with federal food stamps, is equal to at least:

20 1. **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**, 61% of the State minimum  
21 living level; [and]

22 2. **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, 63% OF THE STATE MINIMUM**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 LIVING LEVEL;

2 3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, 65% OF THE STATE MINIMUM

3 LIVING LEVEL;

4 4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 67% OF THE STATE MINIMUM

5 LIVING LEVEL;

6 5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, 69% OF THE STATE MINIMUM

7 LIVING LEVEL; AND

8 6. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
9 THEREAFTER, 71% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL; AND

10 (ii) maintain the FIP at the level of the fiscal year 1997  
11 appropriation.

12 (2) The funds provided under this subsection may be less than the amount  
13 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the Governor reports to the General  
14 Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the reasons for  
15 the reduced funding for temporary cash assistance and food stamps.

16 (3) This subsection does not limit the flexibility of local departments  
17 regarding the provision of services.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2020.