

SENATE BILL 160

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CF HB 168

By: **Senator Hettleman**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Temporary Cash Assistance – Calculation of Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring local departments of social services to disregard the total
4 amount of certain housing subsidies in the calculation of the amount of temporary
5 cash assistance for eligible recipients; and generally relating to the calculation of
6 temporary cash assistance benefits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Human Services

9 Section 5–310(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 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 5–310.

16 (a) (1) For a recipient that is an assistance unit that includes adults and
17 children or minor parents and children, the amount of assistance shall be designated as
18 follows:

19 (i) 75% for the child or children in the assistance unit; and

20 (ii) 25% for the adult member or members, or minor parent or
21 parents of the assistance unit.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) For a recipient that is an assistance unit that includes only adults or a
2 recipient who is a pregnant individual, 100% of the amount of assistance shall be
3 designated for the adult member or members or the pregnant individual.

4 (3) For applicants to the FIP, the amount of assistance shall be computed
5 by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding 20% of
6 that earned income.

7 (4) The first \$100 of child support collected in a month for one child and
8 the first \$200 of child support collected in a month for two or more children shall pass
9 through to the family and shall be disregarded in computing the amount of assistance.

10 (5) For eligible recipients who obtain unsubsidized employment, the
11 amount of assistance shall be computed by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income
12 in any month and disregarding 35% of that earned income.

13 **(6) FOR ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVE ANY GOVERNMENT**
14 **HOUSING SUBSIDIES, THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE SHALL BE COMPUTED**
15 **DISREGARDING 100% OF THOSE SUBSIDIES.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2023.