



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5290

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* _____HB05290APP____042005_____*

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE TO THE UNEARNED INCOME
DISREGARD FOR STATE SUPPLEMENT RECIPIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [(a) On July 1, 1985, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
4 increase the adult payment standards for the state supplement to the
5 federal Supplemental Security Income Program by four and
6 three-tenths per cent over the standards for the fiscal year ending June
7 30, 1985, provided the commissioner shall apply the appropriate
8 disregards. Notwithstanding the provisions of any regulation to the
9 contrary, effective July 1, 1994, the commissioner shall reduce the
10 appropriate unearned income disregard for recipients of the state
11 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by
12 seven per cent, provided if sufficient funds are available within
13 accounts in the Department of Social Services and are transferred to
14 the old age assistance account, the aid to the blind account and the aid
15 to the disabled account, the commissioner shall increase the unearned
16 income disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal
17 Supplemental Security Income Program to a level not to exceed that in
18 effect on June 30, 1994.]

19 (a) On July 1, 2005, and on each January first thereafter, the

20 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the unearned income
21 disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal
22 Supplemental Security Income Program by an amount equal to the
23 federal cost-of-living adjustment, if any, provided to recipients of
24 federal Supplemental Security Income Program benefits for the
25 corresponding calendar year. On July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter,
26 the [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall increase the
27 adult payment standards over those of the previous fiscal year for the
28 state supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income
29 Program by the percentage increase, if any, in the most recent calendar
30 year average in the consumer price index for urban consumers over
31 the average for the previous calendar year, provided the annual
32 increase, if any, shall not exceed five per cent, except that the adult
33 payment standards for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June 30,
34 1994, June 30, 1995, June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, June 30,
35 1999, June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, June 30,
36 2004, and June 30, 2005, shall not be increased. Effective October 1,
37 1991, the coverage of excess utility costs for recipients of the state
38 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program is
39 eliminated. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
40 [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner may increase the
41 personal needs allowance component of the adult payment standard as
42 necessary to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements.

43 (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the [Commissioner of Social Services]
44 commissioner shall provide a state supplement payment for recipients
45 of Medicaid and the federal Supplemental Security Income Program
46 who reside in long-term care facilities sufficient to increase their
47 personal needs allowance to fifty dollars per month. Such state
48 supplement payment shall be made to the long-term care facility to be
49 deposited into the personal fund account of each such recipient.
50 Effective July 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
51 increase such allowance to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in
52 Social Security income, if any. For the purposes of this subsection,
53 "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent

