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**Raised Bill No. 5488**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER CARETAKER RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN.**

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the fiscal year ending  
2       June 30, 2009, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the  
3       monthly cash assistance benefit amount, under the temporary family  
4       assistance program, pursuant to section 17b-112 of the 2008  
5       supplement to the general statutes, provided to a caretaker relative, as  
6       described in said section 17b-112, on behalf of a child, by thirty per  
7       cent over the standard for such payments for the fiscal year ending  
8       June 30, 2008. Any caretaker relative receiving temporary family  
9       assistance benefits from the Department of Social Services for caring  
10      for more than one child shall receive a rate increase, in accordance  
11      with the provisions of this section, that is based on the aggregate  
12      temporary family assistance benefit amount paid to such relative on  
13      June 30, 2008. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and each fiscal  
14      year thereafter, the commissioner shall increase the temporary family  
15      assistance benefit amount to such caretaker relative on behalf of a child  
16      over that of the previous fiscal year by the percentage increase, if any,

17 in the consumer price index for urban consumers.

18 (b) On and after July 1, 2008, a caretaker relative who makes an  
19 application with the Department of Social Services for temporary  
20 family assistance benefits and is determined eligible to receive such  
21 benefits on behalf of a child shall receive benefits at a rate that is  
22 determined in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is  
24 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General  
25 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for purposes of section 1  
26 of this act.

27 (b) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated to the Department of  
28 Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
29 30, 2010, for purposes of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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