



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5432**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

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REP. HOLDER-WINFIELD, 94th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITS ON SANCTIONS UNDER THE  
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.**

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

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to (1) prohibit the
- 2 Department of Social Services from withholding all family benefits
- 3 under the temporary assistance for needy families program as a
- 4 sanction for noncompliance with program requirements, (2) limit
- 5 sanctions under the temporary assistance for needy families program
- 6 to withholding of the parent's share of the cash benefit for a thirty-day
- 7 period or until the parent indicates a willingness to comply with
- 8 program requirements, and (3) require review by the Department of
- 9 Social Services prior to withholding or terminating benefits under the
- 10 temporary assistance for needy families program.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate termination of family benefits under the temporary assistance for needy families program if only one member of the family is in noncompliance with program requirements and to provide for

review by the Department of Social Services prior to withholding or termination of benefits.