
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7094

AN ACT CONCERNING A DIAPER STIPEND FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE.

SUMMARY

On and after September 1, 2019, this bill provides an additional \$30 monthly benefit to families receiving Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) to purchase diapers for each child under the age of three, including children conceived and born while the family receives assistance and regardless of existing law's benefit limits (see BACKGROUND).

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to adopt regulations in accordance with federal law to ensure that the additional benefit is used solely for the purchase of diapers. Under the bill, DSS may implement policies and procedures to administer the program while adopting them in regulations. The department may do this only if it posts the policies and procedures on the state eRegulations system before adopting them. The policies and procedures are valid until regulations are adopted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

TFA Family Cap Policy

TFA benefits are calculated based on family size. Under Connecticut's TFA program, additional benefits are reduced by 50 percent for a child conceived and born to a family while on assistance.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 6 (03/05/2019)

