



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2021

LCO No. 8950



Offered by:

REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd Dist.

SEN. MOORE, 22nd Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 6635

File No. 507

Cal. No. 374

"AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE."

-
- 1 In line 24, strike ", provided any months of temporary"
- 2 Strike lines 25 and 26 in their entirety
- 3 In line 27, strike "be included"
- 4 In line 111, after "month" insert ", provided any months of temporary
- 5 family assistance received during the public health emergency declared
- 6 by Governor Ned Lamont related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall not
- 7 be included"
- 8 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 9 internal references accordingly:
- 10 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 17b-104 of the general statutes is
- 11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
- 12 2021):

13 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer the program
14 of state supplementation to the Supplemental Security Income Program
15 provided for by the Social Security Act and state law. The commissioner
16 may delegate any powers and authority to any deputy, assistant,
17 investigator or supervisor, who shall have, within the scope of the
18 power and authority so delegated, all of the power and authority of the
19 Commissioner of Social Services. The commissioner shall establish a
20 standard of need based on the cost of living in this state for the
21 temporary family assistance program and the state-administered
22 general assistance program. The commissioner shall make a
23 reinvestigation, at least every twelve months, of all cases receiving aid
24 from the state, except that such reinvestigation may be conducted every
25 twenty-four months for recipients of assistance to the elderly or disabled
26 with stable circumstances, and shall maintain all case records of the
27 several programs administered by the Department of Social Services so
28 that such records show, at all times, full information with respect to
29 eligibility of the applicant or recipient. In the determination of need
30 under any public assistance program, such income or earnings shall be
31 disregarded as federal law requires, and such income or earnings may
32 be disregarded as federal law permits. In determining eligibility, the
33 commissioner shall disregard from income (1) Aid and Attendance
34 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined under section 27-103,
35 or the surviving spouse of such veteran, and (2) any tax refund or
36 advance payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent
37 such refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC
38 6409 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole
39 or in part with federal funds. The commissioner shall encourage and
40 promulgate such incentive earning programs as are permitted by
41 federal law and regulations.

42 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
44 *2021*):

45 (c) To be eligible for cash assistance under the program, a person shall
46 (1) be (A) eighteen years of age or older; (B) a minor found by a court to

47 be emancipated pursuant to section 46b-150; or (C) under eighteen years
 48 of age and the commissioner determines good cause for such person's
 49 eligibility, and (2) not have assets exceeding two hundred fifty dollars
 50 or, if such person is married, such person and his or her spouse shall not
 51 have assets exceeding five hundred dollars. In determining eligibility,
 52 the commissioner shall not consider as income (A) Aid and Attendance
 53 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the
 54 surviving spouse of such veteran, and (B) any tax refund or advance
 55 payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent such
 56 refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC 6409
 57 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole or in
 58 part with federal funds. No person who is a substance abuser and
 59 refuses or fails to enter available, appropriate treatment shall be eligible
 60 for cash assistance under the program until such person enters
 61 treatment. No person whose benefits from the temporary family
 62 assistance program have terminated as a result of time-limited benefits
 63 or for failure to comply with a program requirement shall be eligible for
 64 cash assistance under the program.

65 Sec. 503. Subsection (l) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is
 66 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 67 *2021*):

68 (l) In determining eligibility for the program described in this section,
 69 the commissioner shall not consider as income (1) Aid and Attendance
 70 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the
 71 surviving spouse of such veteran, and (2) any tax refund or advance
 72 payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent such
 73 refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC 6409
 74 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole or in
 75 part with federal funds."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2021	17b-104(a)

Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-191(c)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-342(l)