

A RESOLUTION

20-16

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 8, 2013

To approve, in part, and disapprove, in part, proposed rules to implement the District of Columbia's progressive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Sanction Policy to provide a graduated reduction of the TANF grant to customers who despite District of Columbia Department of Human Services outreach and engagement efforts fail to demonstrate compliance with their TANF Individualized Responsibility Plan.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Sanction Policy Rules Approval and Disapproval Resolution of 2013".

Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 205(c) of the District of Columbia's Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-202.05(c)), the Mayor transmitted to the Council the proposed rulemaking adopted by the Director of the Department of Human Services to implement Temporary Assistance for Needy Families sanctions in accordance with subtitle C of title V of the Fiscal Year 2011 Supplemental Budget Support Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-370; D.C. Official Code § 4-202.05(c)). Except as provided in section 3, the Council approves the proposed rules.

Sec. 3. The Council disapproves the following provisions of the rules:

(1) Section 5812.2(b) is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provision read as proposed by the Mayor but without the word "meaningful".

(2) Section 5812.2(c) is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provision read as proposed by the Mayor but without the phrase "in a meaningful way".

(3) Section 5812.3 is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provision read as proposed by the Mayor but without the phrase "in a meaningful way".

(4) Section 5812.5 is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provision read as proposed by the Mayor but without the phrase "in a meaningful way".

(5) Section 5812.6(3)(B), (C), and (D) is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provisions read as proposed by the Mayor but without the phrase "hard copy".

(6) Section 5812.8(d) is disapproved. The Council recommends that only 3 levels of sanctions be established and that the customer be allowed to re-negotiate their IRP at any time during or following the sanction period.

(7) Section 5812.12 is disapproved. The Council recommends that the provision read as follows: “The Level One, Level Two, or Level Three sanctions shall be lifted when the Customer complies with the requirements of § 5812.1 for at least four (4) consecutive weeks.”.

(8) Section 5812.13 is disapproved.

(9) Section 5812.14 is disapproved.

Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Human Services, and the Administrator of the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances.

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.