THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1942 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY YOUNGBLOOD, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, DAWKINS, FREEMAN, ZABEL, BURNS, BULLOCK, BERNSTINE, CALTAGIRONE, FRANKEL, KIM, McCLINTON, JOHNSON-HARRELL, HOWARD, MADDEN, DeLUCA, SCHWEYER, TOOHIL AND WARREN, OCTOBER 15, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 15, 2019

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
- act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
- welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
- further providing for meeting special needs and work supports
- 5 and incentives.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 408 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
- 9 No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a
- 10 subsection to read:
- 11 Section 408. Meeting Special Needs; Work Supports and
- 12 Incentives. -- * * *
- 13 (b.1) The department may provide assistance to recipients
- 14 for costs associated with the purchase of diapers for each
- 15 <u>dependent child who is under thirty-six months of age when the</u>
- 16 department has determined that without such services the
- 17 recipient would be exempt from compliance with the conditions of
- 18 the agreement of mutual responsibility or work requirements or

- 1 when a former recipient who is employed has ceased to receive
- 2 <u>cash assistance for a reason other than a sanction for</u>
- 3 <u>noncompliance with an eligibility condition. In establishing the</u>
- 4 time limits and levels of access to diaper funds, the department
- 5 shall take into account availability, costs and the number of
- 6 <u>assistance groups needing services within the geographic area</u>
- 7 and shall seek to provide essential services to the greatest
- 8 <u>number of recipients.</u>
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- 10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.