
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 888 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MULLINS, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN,
SANCHEZ, MADDEN, BRADFORD, KENYATTA, HOWARD, GALLOWAY,
WARREN, DRISCOLL AND SCHWEYER, MARCH 15, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 15, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 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 dependent child who is under thirty-six months of age when the
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
19 when a former recipient who is employed has ceased to receive

1 cash assistance for a reason other than a sanction for
2 noncompliance with an eligibility condition. In establishing the
3 time limits and levels of access to diaper funds, the department
4 shall take into account availability, costs and the number of
5 assistance groups needing services within the geographic area
6 and shall seek to provide essential services to the greatest
7 number of recipients.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.