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SENATE BILL 120

Short Title: AFDC Increase/Cost of Living.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Richardson, Marvin, and Walker.

Referred to: Human Resources.

February 20, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ANNUALLY ADJUST THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 108A-36.1. Annual adjustment in standard of need.

(a) The standard of need for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increase or decrease in the cost of living. The first adjustment shall become effective October 1, 1991, and subsequent adjustments shall become effective each October 1 thereafter. The cost of living adjustment shall be based on the Consumer Price Index, as calculated and published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The percentage change shall be determined for the twelve-month period ending with the December preceding the year for which the cost-of-living adjustment will take effect.

(b) The increase in public assistance payments provided by this section shall be in addition to any other increase in public assistance payments otherwise provided by law."

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of \$6,956,672 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$12,961,476 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.