

HOUSE BILL No. 1361

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-14.

Synopsis: TANF and child care assistance eligibility. Provides, for purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), that a TANF assistance group that has qualified for and is receiving assistance under TANF does not cease to qualify for assistance under TANF due solely to an increase in the value of the resources of the TANF assistance group so long as the resources of the TANF assistance group are valued at not more than \$10,000. Provides that: (1) the value of a child's primary residence; and (2) \$20,000 of total equity value in motor vehicles belonging to members of a child's family; are exempt from consideration for purposes of determining the child's eligibility for TANF. Provides that up to \$15,000 in income earned by a household member while the household member is a student participating in or pursuing: (1) the household member's first postsecondary degree; (2) a workforce certificate; (3) a preapprenticeship; or (4) an apprenticeship; may not be considered in determining the amount of assistance for which the household is eligible under the Child Care and Development Fund voucher program.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-14-1-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "TANF assistance**
4 **group" means persons whose income, resources, or needs are**
5 **considered in determining one (1) or both of the following:**
6 **(1) The eligibility of the persons for assistance under TANF.**
7 **(2) The amount of TANF assistance for which the persons are**
8 **eligible.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 12-14-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2021,
10 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) Assistance under TANF shall be given to a
12 dependent child who otherwise qualifies for assistance if the child is
13 living in a family home of a person who is:
14 (1) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
15 (2) the child's relative, including:
16 (A) the child's mother, father, stepmother, stepfather,
17 grandmother, or grandfather; or



1 (B) a relative not listed in clause (A) who has custody of the
2 child.

3 **(b) A TANF assistance group that has qualified for and is**
4 **receiving assistance under TANF does not cease to qualify for**
5 **assistance under TANF due solely to an increase in the value of the**
6 **resources of the TANF assistance group so long as the resources of**
7 **the TANF assistance group are valued at not more than ten**
8 **thousand dollars (\$10,000).**

9 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** A parent or relative and a dependent child of the parent or
10 relative are not eligible for TANF assistance when the physical custody
11 of the dependent child was obtained for the purpose of establishing
12 TANF eligibility.

13 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in IC 12-14-28-3.3, a person convicted
14 of a felony under IC 35-43-5 relating to public relief or assistance fraud
15 or IC 35-48-4 is not eligible to receive assistance under TANF for ten
16 (10) years after the conviction.

17 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The assistance paid to a dependent child under this section
18 may not be affected by the conviction of a parent or an essential person
19 of the dependent child under subsection ~~(c)~~: **(d)**.

20 SECTION 3. IC 12-14-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2021,
21 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) After the investigation under IC 12-14-1-6,
23 the county office shall decide the following:

- 24 (1) Whether the child is eligible for assistance under this article.
25 (2) The amount of assistance.
26 (3) The date assistance begins.

27 (b) The county office may not consider:

28 (1) money in an individual development account under IC 4-4-28
29 that belongs to the child or a member of the child's family;

30 **(2) the value of the real property that is the child's primary**
31 **residence;**

32 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** ~~ten~~ **twenty** thousand dollars ~~(\$10,000)~~ **(\$20,000)** of total
33 equity value (as defined in ~~470 IAC 10.1-3-1~~) **470 IAC 10.3-4-2**)
34 in ~~one~~ ~~(1)~~ **motor vehicle vehicles** that ~~belongs~~ **belong** to a
35 **member one (1) or more members** of the child's family;

36 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** a Holocaust victim's settlement payment received by the
37 child or a member of the child's family; or

38 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** money earned by the child or a member of the child's
39 family as a student participating in:

40 (A) a paid internship;

41 (B) a work based learning course (as defined in
42 IC 20-43-8-0.7); or



1 (C) paid postsecondary work experience that allows the
 2 individual to apply for a related apprenticeship (as defined by
 3 IC 20-43-8-0.3);
 4 when determining whether the individual is eligible for assistance
 5 under this article.

6 SECTION 4. IC 12-14-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 7 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2022]:

9 **Chapter 31. Child Care Development Fund Program Eligibility**
 10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "CCDF program" refers to the**
 11 **federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher program**
 12 **administered under 45 CFR 98 and 45 CFR 99.**

13 **Sec. 2. Subject to approval by the United States Department of**
 14 **Health and Human Services, after a household has been**
 15 **determined to be eligible for assistance under the CCDF program,**
 16 **additional annual income of up to fifteen thousand dollars**
 17 **(\$15,000) earned by the household may not be considered as**
 18 **changing the household's eligibility status if the additional annual**
 19 **income is earned by an individual who:**

- 20 (1) resides in the household; and
 21 (2) earns the additional annual income while the individual is
 22 a student participating in or pursuing:
 23 (A) the individual's first postsecondary degree;
 24 (B) a workforce certificate;
 25 (C) a preapprenticeship; or
 26 (D) an apprenticeship.

27 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022] (a) **Not later than**
 28 **December 31, 2022, the office of the secretary of family and social**
 29 **services shall:**

- 30 (1) **submit to the United States Department of Health and**
 31 **Human Services any state plan amendment necessary to**
 32 **implement; and**
 33 (2) **amend the rules of the division of family resources in**
 34 **conformance with;**

35 **IC 12-14-1-1, as amended by this act, and IC 12-14-31-2, as added**
 36 **by this act.**

37 (b) **This SECTION expires January 1, 2023.**

