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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Family Investment Program – Temporary Cash Assistance – Funding

- FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds in the budget to
 ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined with federal food
 stamps, is equal to at least certain percentages of the State minimum living level for
 certain fiscal years; and generally relating to temporary cash assistance.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Human Services
- 9 Section 5–316(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 14 Article Human Services
- 15 5-316.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Governor 17 shall provide sufficient funds in the budget to:

(i) ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combinedwith federal food stamps, is equal to at least:

201.FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, 61% of the State minimum21living level; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



$\frac{1}{2}$	2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, 63% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL;
$\frac{3}{4}$	3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, 65% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL;
$5 \\ 6$	4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 67% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL;
7 8	5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, 69% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL; AND
9 10	6. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, 71% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL; AND
11 12	(ii) maintain the FIP at the level of the fiscal year 1997 appropriation.
$13 \\ 14 \\ 15 \\ 16$	(2) The funds provided under this subsection may be less than the amount required under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the Governor reports to the General Assembly, in accordance with § $2-1257$ of the State Government Article, on the reasons for the reduced funding for temporary cash assistance and food stamps.
17	(3) This subsection does not limit the flexibility of local departments

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18 regarding the provision of services.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 2020.