

**As Introduced**

**134th General Assembly  
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**H. B. No. 410**

**Representatives Click, Jarrells**

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**A BILL**

To express the General Assembly's intent to address 1  
public assistance benefits cliffs in Ohio and to 2  
designate this act as the Actionable Help And 3  
New Dignity for Upward Progression (A HAND UP) 4  
Act. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to 6  
minimize public assistance benefits cliffs in Ohio. Benefits 7  
cliffs occur when individuals experience a sudden and often 8  
unexpected decrease in public assistance based on a small and 9  
sometimes temporary increase in earnings, resulting in a loss of 10  
economic supports and disincentive to work. In accordance with 11  
this goal, the members of the 134th General Assembly intend to 12  
introduce legislation that addresses the following: 13

(A) Eliminating barriers individuals face in transitioning 14  
from public assistance to work; 15

(B) Transitioning public assistance recipients from 16  
consumers of state resources into contributors to Ohio's 17  
economy; 18

(C) Removing hindrances to financial independence and 19

replacing them with incentives that lead to independence;	20
(D) Replacing the benefits cliff with a bridge to opportunity;	21 22
(E) Streamlining the public assistance process to promote effective communication and coordination by agencies providing assistance through a centralized process that improves information and direction to public assistance recipients.	23 24 25 26
<b>Section 2.</b> This act shall be known as the Actionable Help And New Dignity for Upward Progression (A HAND UP) Act.	27 28