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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Miller, DeVall, Nesselbush, and Metts

Date Introduced: April 14, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-6 entitled "Public
2 Assistance Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **40-6-1. Short title -- "Public assistance" and "department" defined.** -- (a) This
4 chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Public Assistance Act".

5 (b) Definitions. – As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings set
6 forth herein, unless the context in which such terms are used clearly indicates to the contrary:

7 (1) "Public Assistance" means ~~General~~ general public assistance (GPA), including, but
8 not limited to, cash and child care assistance; supplemental security income (SSI); and ~~food~~
9 ~~stamps--(FS)~~ supplemental nutritional assistance program (SNAP); which programs are
10 administered and/or financed in whole or in part by the Rhode Island department of human
11 services, ~~shall constitute public assistance. For purposes of this chapter, the term "department".~~

12 (2) "Department" shall mean the Rhode Island department of human services.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would clarify that general public assistance (GPA) includes child care assistance
- 2 under the Public Assistance Act of chapter 40-6.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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