

SENATE BILL 2224

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to eligibility for
temporary assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154(b)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) A caretaker relative who becomes ineligible for temporary assistance for any reason, other than failure to comply with work requirements or to cooperate with child support obligations, shall be eligible for transitional child care assistance for a period specified by the department while the caretaker relative is employed, in school or in employment training. Child care assistance shall be paid on a sliding fee scale based upon the family's income for so long as federal funding or any related waiver is in effect.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154(h)(2)(D), is amended by deleting paragraph (D) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(D) The personal responsibility plan may provide for transportation assistance, if needed to participate in required activities, and shall provide child care services for those individuals who are receiving benefits, participating in work activities delineated in subsection (g), and not exempt from work activities pursuant to this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154(h)(4), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) If, without good cause, a recipient of temporary assistance fails to comply with a child support or work plan requirement imposed by this part or prescribed within the personal responsibility plan, then the family shall be subject to appropriate sanction by the department, which may include termination of temporary assistance.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.