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### HOUSE BILL NO. 42

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.1-25.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to auxiliary grants.*

Patrons—Hamilton and Brink

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 63.1-25.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.1-25.1. Auxiliary grants program; repeal of provisions relating to old age assistance and aid to the permanently and totally disabled; administration of program.

A. The State Board of Social Services is authorized to prepare and implement, effective with repeal of Titles I, X, and XIV of the Social Security Act, a plan for a state and local funded auxiliary grants program to provide assistance to certain individuals ineligible for benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act and to certain other individuals for whom benefits provided under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are not sufficient to maintain the minimum standards of need established by the Board. The plan shall be in effect in all political subdivisions in the Commonwealth and shall be administered in conformity with rules and regulations of the Board.

Insofar as any provisions of this title relate to assistance and payments under old age assistance or aid to the permanently and totally disabled, they are repealed, effective January 1, 1974. Nothing herein is to be construed to affect any such section as it relates to aid to families with dependent children, general relief or services to persons eligible for assistance under Public Law 92-603 enacted by the Ninety-second United States Congress.

B. Those individuals who receive an auxiliary grant, as provided for in subsection A of this section, who reside in licensed assisted living facilities or adult family care homes shall be entitled to a personal needs allowance when computing the amount of the auxiliary grant. The amount of such personal needs allowance shall be at least thirty dollars per month.

C. The Board shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the auxiliary grants program which shall include requirements for the Department of Social Services to use in establishing auxiliary grant rates for licensed assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. At a minimum these requirements shall address (i) the process for the residences and homes to use in reporting their costs, including allowable costs and resident charges, the time period for reporting costs, forms to be used, financial reviews and audits of reported costs; (ii) the process to be used in calculating the auxiliary grant rates for the residences and homes; and (iii) the services to be provided to the auxiliary grant recipient and paid for by the auxiliary grant and not charged to the recipient's personal needs allowance.

D. In order to receive an auxiliary grant while residing in an assisted living facility an individual shall have been evaluated by a case manager or other qualified assessor as defined in § 63.1-172 to determine his need for residential care. An individual may be admitted to an assisted living facility pending evaluation and assessment as allowed by Board regulations, but in no event shall any public agency incur a financial obligation if the individual is determined ineligible for an auxiliary grant. For purposes of this section, "case manager" means an employee of a human services agency who is qualified and designated to develop and coordinate plans of care. The Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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