093174820 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 1045** 2 3 4 Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled January 13, 2009 A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-617 of the Code of Virginia, relating to diversionary cash 5 assistance. 6 Patron—Miller, Y.B. 7 8 Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 63.2-617 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 63.2-617. Diversionary cash assistance. 12 13 14

The Board shall adopt regulations to enable TANF - eligible applicants meeting certain criteria to receive at one time the maximum TANF cash assistance that the applicant would otherwise receive for a period up to 120 days. An individual may receive diversionary TANF cash assistance only one time in a sixty-month 12-month period and, in so doing, waives his eligibility for TANF for a period of up to 160 days. Diversionary assistance shall be used to divert the family from receiving ongoing TANF cash assistance by providing assistance for one-time emergencies.

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