

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

## CHAPTER 1159

*An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-617 of the Code of Virginia, relating to TANF; diversionary cash assistance.*

[H 1371]

Approved April 11, 2020

**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:**

**§ 63.2-617. Diversionary cash assistance.**

A. The Board shall adopt regulations to enable ~~TANF - eligible~~ *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 *or \$1,500, whichever is greater*. An individual may receive diversionary TANF cash assistance only one time in a 12-month period and, in so doing, waives his eligibility for TANF for a ~~period of up to 160~~ *the number of days for which assistance is granted multiplied by 1.33*. Diversionary assistance shall be used to divert the family from receiving ongoing TANF cash assistance by providing assistance for one-time emergencies.

B. *The Board shall adopt regulations to enable TANF-eligible applicants meeting certain criteria to receive a TANF emergency assistance payment of up to \$1,500 to prevent eviction or to address needs resulting from a fire or natural disaster.*