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HOUSE BILL NO. 2213

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-612 of the Code of Virginia, relating to time limit on the receipt of TANF financial assistance.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 63.2-612 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 63.2-612. Time limit on the receipt of TANF.**

~~Unless otherwise exempt,~~ A. VIEW participants and their families may receive TANF financial assistance for a ~~maximum period of 24~~ 12 months only, subject to § ~~63.2-613~~. ~~VIEW participants and their families may receive TANF financial assistance, if otherwise eligible, after a subsequent period of 24 months. However, the 24-month~~ A VIEW participant who has received TANF financial assistance for a period of 12 consecutive months shall be ineligible to receive TANF benefits for a period of 12 consecutive months thereafter, unless exempt from the period of ineligibility pursuant to § 63.2-613. A VIEW participant may subsequently become eligible to receive TANF financial assistance again after the 12-month period of ineligibility has elapsed. No VIEW participant shall be eligible to receive TANF financial assistance for more than 24 months total during his lifetime.

B. The 12-month period of ineligibility described in subsection A shall not apply when a child is removed from the parents' home as the result of a child protective services report or complaint as defined in regulations promulgated by the Board and is placed with a relative. In such cases, the relative with whom the child is placed shall be eligible to receive TANF financial assistance immediately and without waiting for the ~~24-month~~ 12-month period of ineligibility to run.

C. The local department shall notify a VIEW participant and his family that his TANF financial assistance is scheduled to be terminated as provided in this section. Notice shall be given 60 days prior to such termination and shall inform the VIEW participant and his family of the exception regulations adopted by the Board and the procedure to be followed by the VIEW participant and his family if he believes that he is entitled to an extension of benefits.

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