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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

House Amendments in [ ] - February 7, 2020

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

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bourne

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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. ]

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