

SENATE, No. 1094

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Permits young adult who is claimed as a dependent on relative's tax return to receive Work First New Jersey General Public Assistance benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning eligibility for Work First New Jersey General
2 Public Assistance benefits and supplementing Title 44 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Notwithstanding N.J.A.C.10:90-2.8 or any other law or
9 regulation to the contrary, an applicant or recipient of Work First
10 New Jersey General Public Assistance benefits who is at least 18
11 years of age and not older than 26 years of age shall not be deemed
12 ineligible for benefits on the sole basis that the applicant or
13 recipient is claimed as a dependent on a parent's or relative's U.S.
14 Individual Income Tax Return.

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16 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall, in accordance
17 with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
18 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt any rules or regulations necessary
19 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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21 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
22 next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of
23 Human Services may take such anticipatory administrative action in
24 advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this
25 act.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would permit a person between the ages of 18 and 26 to
31 receive Work First New Jersey General Public Assistance
32 (WFNJ/GA) benefits, even if the person is claimed as a dependent
33 on his or her parent's or other relative's U.S. Individual Income Tax
34 Return (1040 form). This would reverse a policy established by
35 regulation, codified at N.J.A.C.10:90-2.8(a)15, which provides that
36 such individuals are ineligible for WFNJ/GA benefits, even if they
37 meet all other eligibility criteria.