2004 Session

Budget Bill - HB29 (Introduced)

Item 354 (Not set out)	First Year - FY2003	Second Year - FY2004
Temporary Income Supplement Services (45200)	**$132,043,876**	**$135,697,676**
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (45201)	$96,050,747	$99,878,247
General Relief (45203)	$4,785,121	$4,611,421
Resettlement Assistance (45204)	$3,825,000	$3,825,000
Emergency Assistance (45206)	$24,000,000	$24,000,000
Unemployed Parent Supplement (45207)	$3,383,008	$3,383,008
Fund Sources:		
General	$52,323,074	$53,149,374
Federal Trust	$79,720,802	$82,548,302

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 54; Title 63.1, Chapters 1 and 6, Code of Virginia; Title VI, Subtitle B, P.L. 97-35, as amended; P.L. 103-252, as amended; P.L. 104-193, as amended, Federal Code.

A. To the extent permitted by federal law, the State Plan for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families shall provide that the eligibility for assistance of an alien who is qualified alien (as defined in § 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law Number 104-193) shall be determined without regard to alienage.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, the Department of Social Services shall maintain a separate state program, as that term is defined by federal regulations governing the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, 45 C.F.R. § 260.30, for the purpose of providing welfare cash assistance payments to able-bodied two-parent families. The separate state program shall be funded by state funds and operated outside of the TANF program. Able-bodied two-parent families shall not be eligible for TANF cash assistance as defined at 45 C.F.R. § 260.31 (a)(1), but shall receive benefits under the separate state program provided for in this paragraph. Although various conditions and eligibility requirements may be different under the separate state program, the basic benefit payment for which two-parent families are eligible under the separate state program shall not be less than what they would have received under TANF. The Department of Social Services shall establish regulations to govern this separate state program.

C. A participant whose Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) financial assistance is terminated due to the receipt of 24 months of assistance as specified in § 63.1-133.50, Code of Virginia, or due to the closure of the TANF case prior to the completion of 24 months of TANF assistance, excluding cases closed with a sanction for noncompliance with the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare program, shall be eligible to receive employment and training assistance for up to 12 months after termination, if needed, in addition to other transitional services provided pursuant to § 63.1-133.46, Code of Virginia.

D. As a condition of this appropriation, effective July 1, 2003, the Department of Social Services shall provide to recipients of TANF cash assistance a monthly TANF supplement in an amount equal to the current child support collected by the Division of Child Support Enforcement for each such recipient, less any disregard passed through to such recipient pursuant to any other provision of law. The TANF child support supplement shall be paid within two months following collection of the child support payment or payments used to determine the amount of such supplement. For purposes of determining eligibility for medical assistance services, the TANF supplement described in this paragraph shall be disregarded.

E. As a condition of this appropriation, effective July 1, 2003, the Department of Social Services shall disregard the value of one motor vehicle per assistance unit in determining eligibility for cash assistance in the TANF program and in the separate state program for able-bodied two-parent families.

F. Out of this appropriation, $1,700,000 the first year and $2,245,155 the second year from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant shall be transferred to the Department of Health for the Comprehensive Health Investment Project of Virginia.

G. Out of this appropriation, $750,000 the first year and $637,500 the second year from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant shall be provided to Centers for Employment Training.

H. As a condition of this appropriation, effective July 1, 2003, the Department of Social Services shall, to the extent permitted by federal law, provide five months of Transitional Food Stamps for households whose TANF cash assistance is terminated.