

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients enrolled in school as an allowable work activity from being disenrolled due to the number of individuals receiving aid declining from the previous year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- One-percent threshold currently in administrative rule
- Program guidelines

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients to qualify for aid while enrolled in two- or four-year educational institutions if the recipient meets the following qualifications:

- Is accepted for full-time attendance or enrolled full-time;
- Demonstrates that completion of the educational program is likely to result in employment that provides the wages and benefits necessary for the parent to support their family without TANF benefits; and
- Makes satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the educational institution, toward a degree or certificate

For each calendar year, the number of enrollees may not exceed one percent of the total number of TANF recipients. Under current statute, if the number of TANF enrollees decreases from one January to the next, the number of educational enrollees must decrease as well. House Bill 3384-A prevents TANF recipients already enrolled in educational institutions from losing benefits due to a decline in the total number of TANF recipients.