

The House Committee on Public and Community Health offers the following substitute to HB 500:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act," so as to increase the amount
3 of benefits; to revise the income and resources of an applicant that may be considered to
4 determine eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act," is amended in Code Section 49-4-182,
10 relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program created, by revising
11 subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(b) Assistance shall be provided in accordance with the state plan and any future
13 amendments thereto. Cash assistance to a recipient who is not a minor child and who is a
14 head of a household or married to the head of a household shall be limited to a lifetime
15 maximum of 48 months, whether or not consecutive, beginning ~~January 1, 1997~~
16 July 1, 2026."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-183, relating to administration of article
19 by department, promulgation of rules and regulations by board, and duties of department, by
20 revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

21 "(3) Consideration of the income and resources of an applicant for assistance in
22 determining eligibility; provided, however, that the resources of an applicant for assistance
23 shall not exceed \$5,000.00, provided that the equity value of one vehicle per family shall
24 not be counted as a resource of the family if the vehicle is used for work, training, or
25 education preparatory to employment or job search; provided, further, that an exclusion of
26 the equity value of one additional vehicle up to \$4,650.00 is allowed;"

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.