

HOUSE BILL 881

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Program ~~and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program~~**
3 **~~Benefits~~ – Child Support**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ phasing in a requirement that all child support received in a
5 month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment
6 Program and prohibiting the consideration of child support in computing the amount
7 of assistance received; ~~prohibiting a local department of social services from~~
8 ~~considering any child support collected when computing the amount of Supplemental~~
9 ~~Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to provide;~~ and generally relating to the
10 Family Investment Program and ~~the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program~~
11 child support.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Human Services
14 Section 5–310(a) ~~and 5–501~~
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 5–501
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Human Services**

4 5–310.

5 (a) (1) For a recipient that is an assistance unit that includes adults and
6 children or minor parents and children, the amount of assistance shall be designated as
7 follows:

8 (i) 75% for the child or children in the assistance unit; and

9 (ii) 25% for the adult member or members, or minor parent or
10 parents of the assistance unit.

11 (2) For a recipient that is an assistance unit that includes only adults or a
12 recipient who is a pregnant individual, 100% of the amount of assistance shall be
13 designated for the adult member or members or the pregnant individual.

14 (3) For applicants to the FIP, the amount of assistance shall be computed
15 by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding 20% of
16 that earned income.

17 (4) **(I) ~~The~~ THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2027, THE** first \$100 of ~~ANY~~
18 child support collected in a month ~~for one child and the first \$200 of child support collected~~
19 ~~in a month for two or more children~~ shall pass through to the family and shall be
20 disregarded in computing the amount of assistance.

21 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, THE GREATER OF \$100 OF ANY**
22 **CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR ONE CHILD AND \$200 OF CHILD**
23 **SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR TWO OR MORE CHILDREN OR 25% OF ANY**
24 **CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH SHALL PASS THROUGH TO THE FAMILY**
25 **AND SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.**

26 **(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029, THE GREATER OF \$100 OF ANY**
27 **CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR ONE CHILD AND \$200 OF CHILD**
28 **SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR TWO OR MORE CHILDREN OR 50% OF ANY**
29 **CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH SHALL PASS THROUGH TO THE FAMILY**
30 **AND SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.**

31 **(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030, THE GREATER OF \$100 OF ANY**
32 **CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR ONE CHILD AND \$200 OF CHILD**
33 **SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH FOR TWO OR MORE CHILDREN OR 75% OF ANY**

1 CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH SHALL PASS THROUGH TO THE FAMILY
2 AND SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.

3 (V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
4 THEREAFTER, ANY CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN A MONTH SHALL PASS THROUGH
5 TO THE FAMILY AND SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF
6 ASSISTANCE.

7 (5) For eligible recipients who obtain unsubsidized employment, the
8 amount of assistance shall be computed by counting no more than 4 weeks of earned income
9 in any month and disregarding 35% of that earned income.

10 5–501.

11 (a) (1) The Department may implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
12 Program in accordance with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

13 (2) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shall include:

14 (i) a Restaurant Meals Program in accordance with § 5–505 of this
15 subtitle; and

16 (ii) a Heat and Eat Program in accordance with § 5–506 of this
17 subtitle.

18 (b) The State shall bear the nonfederal portion of the administrative costs of the
19 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for each county.

20 (c) Each local department shall administer the Supplemental Nutrition
21 Assistance Program:

22 (1) under the supervision and control of the Department; and

23 (2) in accordance with the regulations of the Department and federal law.

24 (d) If a household includes an individual who is at least 60 years old and receives
25 a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$50 per month under the Supplemental
26 Nutrition Assistance Program, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total
27 benefit to \$50 per month.

28 ~~(E) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT MAY NOT CONSIDER ANY CHILD SUPPORT~~
29 ~~COLLECTED BY A HOUSEHOLD WHEN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL~~
30 ~~BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION OR § 5–501.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2025.