

HOUSE BILL 1925

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to welfare avoidance
grants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except for a single child eligible for temporary assistance, the
department shall evaluate appropriate cases to determine if a welfare avoidance
grant would be effective in meeting a family's immediate and compelling need
and prevent the family from going on temporary assistance or to assist the family
in leaving temporary assistance. If awarded, the grant shall comply with
subsection (b).

(b) The welfare avoidance grant :

(1) Shall meet immediate needs so that an applicant or recipient
can avoid temporary cash assistance;

(2) May be granted as the department considers appropriate;

(3) May not cover the same type of immediate need met by a
previous welfare avoidance grant unless the department determines that
the current immediate need is a new and verified emergency;

(4) May not exceed an amount of three (3) months of temporary
cash assistance, unless the department determines there is a compelling
need for an amount not exceeding twelve (12) months; and

(5) May not duplicate periods of temporary cash assistance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.