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**"AN ACT DISREGARDING INCOME FROM PILOT CASH  
ASSISTANCE AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FROM  
TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY  
DETERMINATIONS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17b-112 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5 *2025*):

6 (d) (1) Under said program, no family shall be eligible that has total  
7 gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the  
8 calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously  
9 eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of  
10 workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently  
11 returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits,  
12 earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level. On  
13 and after October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall not deny a family

14 assistance under said program on the basis of such family's assets unless  
15 such assets exceed six thousand dollars. Except when determining  
16 eligibility for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to subsection  
17 (c) of this section, the commissioner shall disregard the first fifty dollars  
18 per month of income attributable to current child support that a family  
19 receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for temporary  
20 family assistance. Any current child support in excess of fifty dollars per  
21 month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible child shall be  
22 considered in determining eligibility but shall not be considered when  
23 calculating benefits and shall be taken as reimbursement for assistance  
24 paid under this section, except that when the current child support  
25 collected exceeds the family's monthly award of temporary family  
26 assistance benefits plus fifty dollars, the current child support shall be  
27 paid to the family and shall be considered when calculating benefits.

28 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
29 subsection, on and after January 1, 2024, in the first month in which a  
30 family's total gross earnings exceed one hundred per cent of the federal  
31 poverty level and for a period not to exceed six consecutive months, the  
32 department shall disregard, for purposes of eligibility, a family's total  
33 gross earnings in an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty per cent  
34 of the federal poverty level. If a family's total gross earnings are an  
35 amount between one hundred seventy-one per cent and two hundred  
36 thirty per cent of the federal poverty level, the department shall reduce  
37 the household's benefit by twenty per cent for the months in which  
38 earnings are between one hundred seventy-one per cent and two  
39 hundred thirty per cent of the federal poverty level.

40 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
41 subsection, the commissioner shall disregard any financial assistance  
42 received by a family member to the extent the commissioner determines  
43 that such financial assistance was provided to the family member as part  
44 of such family member's participation in a pilot program that has  
45 developed a plan to study and evaluate the impact and potential  
46 benefits of direct cash transfers. Such disregard shall be applied for the

47 length of time the family member participates in such program, not to  
48 exceed thirty-six cumulative months. Any pilot program subject to the  
49 provisions of this subdivision shall have received approval from the  
50 Department of Social Services to conduct such pilot program based on  
51 the department's ability to receive required waivers authorizing such  
52 income disregards in applicable federal and state benefits programs.  
53 The department shall request waivers authorizing such income  
54 disregards from all federal, state and local agencies as necessary. The  
55 department shall maintain a listing of approved pilot programs for use  
56 by the public and department staff when determining continuing  
57 eligibility of participants in existing benefits programs. The department  
58 shall require an approved pilot program to (A) inform potential  
59 participants, in writing in advance of participation in the pilot program,  
60 of the potential impact of their participation on their current and future  
61 eligibility for federal and state benefits, and (B) include contact  
62 information in such written document to allow such participants to  
63 obtain additional information or guidance on the impact of pilot  
64 program participation on their eligibility for such benefits.

65 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
66 subsection, the commissioner shall disregard from an income eligibility  
67 determination any stipend received by a family member as part of such  
68 family member's participation in a job training program approved by  
69 the commissioner, including, but not limited to, payments from  
70 programs offered by or through the Office of Workforce Strategy  
71 established pursuant to section 4-124w, the Bureau of Rehabilitation  
72 Services within the Department of Aging and Disability Services or a  
73 private not-for-profit organization that is exempt from taxation under  
74 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
75 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
76 as amended from time to time. Such disregard shall be applied for the  
77 length of time the family member participates in such program, not to  
78 exceed thirty-six cumulative months.

79 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) To the extent permissible under

80 federal and state law, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
81 disregard from income eligibility determinations any direct rental  
82 assistance received under a pilot program by an applicant for state and  
83 federal assistance programs administered by the Department of Social  
84 Services, including, but not limited to, the temporary family assistance  
85 program established pursuant to section 17b-112 of the general statutes,  
86 as amended by this act. The Commissioner of Social Services may seek  
87 any waiver from federal law deemed necessary or amend the Medicaid  
88 state plan to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-112(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section