



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 5486**

LCO No. 2633



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A DIAPER PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, (1) "eligible  
2 children" means children three years of age or younger from households  
3 with family income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal  
4 poverty level, and (2) "diaper partnership" means a partnership between  
5 an organization representing hospitals in the state and a nonprofit  
6 organization that distributes diapers to needy families statewide. The  
7 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a grant program for the  
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, to fund the provision of diapers at no  
9 cost by a diaper partnership to eligible children.

10 (b) The commissioner shall prescribe reporting requirements for any  
11 diaper partnership that receives funds under the grant program. Not  
12 later than September 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
13 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
14 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

16 the budgets of state agencies and human services on: (1) The number of  
17 diapers distributed through the grant program, (2) an estimate of the  
18 number of families in need of diapers who did not obtain diapers  
19 through the grant program, (3) a list of health conditions ameliorated by  
20 the provision of diapers through the grant program and state health care  
21 costs averted, and (4) recommendations concerning future state  
22 appropriations that may be necessary to support the grant program.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The sum of one million dollars is  
24 appropriated to the Department of Social Services from the General  
25 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the grant program  
26 established pursuant to section 1 of this act to provide diapers at no cost  
27 to children three years of age or younger from families with household  
28 income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide state funding to support an initiative that provides diapers to needy families.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*