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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 286**

***AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING CERTAIN CHILDREN.***

**SUMMARY**

To the extent allowed by federal law, this bill increases the temporary family assistance (TFA) payment to families with a head of household who is (1) a nonparent caretaker relative (e.g., grandparent) and (2) the legal guardian of a child. It does this by making the TFA payment equal to the prevailing monthly foster care rate for families based on the child's age and medical condition.

Generally, nonparent caretaker relatives may qualify for financial assistance through the departments of children and families (DCF) or social services (DSS). Those who become guardians of foster children through DCF (i.e. Subsidized Guardianship Program) receive a larger payment than those who become guardians of children not involved in the child welfare system and receive a TFA payment for the child from DSS.

DCF payments equal the prevailing monthly foster care rate, which varies based on the child's age and medical condition. TFA payments vary by family size.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)