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HOUSE BILL DRH50029-LU-112B

Short Title: Expand TANF Eligibility to Include Pregnancy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Staton-Williams.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
3 (TANF)/WORK FIRST PROGRAM ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TO INCLUDE A  
4 WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 108A-24 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 108A-24. Definitions.

8 As used in Chapter 108A:

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10 (3c) "Family" means a unit consisting of a minor child or children and one or more  
11 of their biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, or grandparents  
12 living together. For purposes of the Work First Program, family also includes  
13 a pregnant woman, blood or half-blood relative or adoptive relative limited to  
14 brother, sister, great-grandparent, great-great-grandparent, uncle, aunt,  
15 great-uncle, great-aunt, great-great-uncle, great-great-aunt, nephew, niece,  
16 first cousin, stepbrother, and stepsister.

17 ...

18 (15) "Work First Family Assistance" is a program of time-limited periodic  
19 payments to assist ~~in maintaining the children of~~ eligible families while the  
20 adult family members engage in activities to prepare for entering and to enter  
21 the workplace.

22 ...."

23 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

