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A BILL

To delay eligibility redeterminations for certain 1
public assistance programs, temporarily modify 2
income eligibility requirements for certain 3
public assistance programs, and to declare an 4
emergency. 5

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

Section 1. During the period of emergency declared by 6
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, the Director 7
of Job and Family Services shall waive income eligibility and 8
client verification requirements for households seeking to 9
participate in The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 10

Section 2. During the period of emergency declared by 11
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and for 12
ninety days thereafter, county departments of job and family 13
services shall not conduct eligibility redeterminations for 14
publicly funded child care. Any family that would have been 15
required to undergo an eligibility redetermination during this 16
period shall continue to receive publicly funded child care. 17

Section 3. During the period of emergency declared by 18
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and for 19
ninety days thereafter, county departments of job and family 20
services shall not conduct eligibility redeterminations for 21
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs. Any assistance 22
group that would have been required to undergo an eligibility 23
redetermination during this period shall continue to receive 24
benefits under the programs in which they are enrolled. 25

During the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 26
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and for ninety days 27
thereafter, any source of income that has been discontinued in 28
the three months before an assistance group applies for benefits 29
shall not be included when determining eligibility for Temporary 30
Assistance for Needy Families programs. 31

Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 32
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 33
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 34
provide assistance to families who experience financial hardship 35
because of unemployment or underemployment caused by the 36
restrictions and other precautions imposed as part of the state 37
of emergency regarding COVID-19. Therefore, this act shall go 38
into immediate effect. 39