Goal of the Bill:

To ensure that our neediest children have the best opportunities for success.





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Ohio House Bill 526

Putting money back into the hands of Ohio families

Joint Sponsors: Representative Beth Liston (MD, PhD) District 08 & Representative Riordan McClain District 87



Why This Bill is Important

A family of three has to make less than \$\$10,860 a year to qualify for temporary cash assistance through TANF.

Under current law in Ohio, in order to receive needed cash assistance, a single mother with 2 children living in poverty must forfeit to the government the money that the father is paying to help care for their children.

Current law harms mothers and fathers. Many mothers rely on child support funds for daily expenses of feeding and caring for children.

Ohio should join the half of the states that understand child support is money that parents pay for their children.



What The Bill Does:

- Creates a partial 'passthrough' whereby child support payments of \$100/month per child up to \$200/month per family are NOT assigned to the state and instead stay with the child.
- Decreases the money that our poorest families pay to the government.
- Maximizes policies that encourage two parent involvement.
- Decreases reliance on SNAP and other government programs.
- In the case of intermittent child support payments, funds are dis-regarded for Ohio Works First eligibility purposes

"This legislation puts the earned money of lowincome families back with the children who need it the most." said Rep. Liston

