
By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 256) of Jack H. Backman for legislation relative to the loss of certain benefits under the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LOSS OF BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM OF
AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first
3 paragraph: —

4 Whenever a family subject to retrospective budgeting ex-
5periences any decrease in countable income, such family shall
6 be eligible for supplemental payments equal to the difference
7 between the current or anticipated needs of the family based
8 upon actual income or other relevant circumstances for such
9 month, and the needs of such family as retrospectively deter-
10 mined for such month under federal law. Notification to the
11 department of a decrease in income, either on the next
12 monthly report or otherwise, shall constitute an application
13 for a supplemental payment. Said payments shall in all cases
14 be made promptly, and shall be made retroactive to the date
15 of decrease, and shall be made for the cyclical month in which
16 the decrease occurs and the cyclical month following. Notice
17 of the availability of payments shall be provided on each mon-
18 thly report form.

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