

certain actions; and generally relating to public assistance for an anticipated child and the natural mother pregnant woman.

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
Section 52A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that a substantial number of pregnant women are at risk in respect to their physical and mental health by reason of low income and poor or inadequate nutrition or health care and because the Federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program no longer provides adequate financial resources to meet the needs of the low-income mother and anticipated child.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

52A.

(A) AID UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE PAYABLE MONTHLY TO COVER THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE ANTICIPATED CHILD AND PREGNANT NATURAL-MOTHER WOMAN. IF THE PREGNANT MOTHER WOMAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR ALREADY RECEIVING AID UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR HERSELF AND ANY CHILD OR CHILDREN, THE AID SHALL BE INCREASED INCREMENTALLY TO INCLUDE THE NEEDS OF THE ANTICIPATED CHILD.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THE SECRETARY, BY RULE OR REGULATION, MAY TERMINATE OR REDUCE THE AID PAYABLE UNDER THIS SECTION FOR EITHER THE PREGNANT WOMAN OR HER ANTICIPATED CHILD, IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT SUCH PAYMENTS OPERATE TO REDUCE ELIGIBILITY FOR AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.