

retarded and mentally ill; and State funding to "hold harmless" many other vital human services programs from the federal funding cutbacks. Few if any states have made such a strong, sustained effort to mitigate the plight of the poor and vulnerable in the face of federal retrenchment.

I commend the sponsors and supporters of both Senate Bill 926 and House Bill 1596 for recognizing the need for the State to assist low-income pregnant women, particularly during the first 5 months of pregnancy when the Omnibus Reconciliation Act leaves them without any cash assistance. With the signing of House Bill 1596, we will have assumed responsibility to help pregnant women to better meet their essential needs during this critical pre-natal period.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 926

AN ACT concerning

Aid to Families with Dependent Children -
Coverage for Anticipated Child

FOR the purpose of providing that certain public assistance payment shall be payable to cover the financial needs of the anticipated child and pregnant ~~natural--mother~~ woman; mandating the Secretary of Human Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to take 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)

The President put the question: Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Affirmative: 10

Negative: 35

(See Roll Call No. 72)

The President announced the veto was sustained.