

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the phrase "specific conditions of a family" is substituted for the former phrase "conditions existing in each case" for clarity.

Defined terms: "FIP" § 5-301

"Local department" § 5-101

"Recipient" § 5-301

"Secretary" § 5-101

5-316. FUNDING; BUDGET SAVINGS.

(A) FUNDING LEVEL.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE BUDGET TO:

(I) ENSURE THAT THE VALUE OF TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE, COMBINED WITH FEDERAL FOOD STAMPS, IS EQUAL TO AT LEAST 61% OF THE STATE MINIMUM LIVING LEVEL; AND

(II) MAINTAIN THE FIP AT THE LEVEL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 APPROPRIATION.

(2) THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE GOVERNOR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE REASONS FOR THE REDUCED FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND FOOD STAMPS.

(3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

(B) ADJUSTMENTS IN EVENT OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDING.

IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THAT THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE FIP ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE OTHERWISE ESTABLISHED BY LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE FOR A UNIFORM METHOD OF ADJUSTING INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS;

(2) NOTIFY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WELFARE REFORM; AND

(3) SUBMIT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO IMPLEMENT THE ADJUSTMENT.

(C) BUDGET SAVINGS.