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SENATE BILL 1052\*

Short Title: TANF Cash Assistance/Waive Waiting Period.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO WAIVE  
THE WAITING PERIOD FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO REAPPLY FOR  
CASH ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STANDARD WORK FIRST PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 108A-27.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 108A-27.1. **Time limitations on assistance.**

(a) Under the Standard Work First Program, unless an extension or an exemption is provided pursuant to the provisions of ~~the~~this Part or the State Plan, any cash assistance provided to a person or family in the employment program shall only be provided for a cumulative total of 24 months. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, After~~after~~ having received cash assistance for 24 months, the person or the family may reapply for cash assistance, but not until after 36 months from the last month the person or the family received cash assistance. This subsection shall not apply to child-only cases.

(b) Electing Counties may set any time limitations on assistance it finds appropriate, so long as the time limitations do not conflict with or exceed any federal time limitations.

(c) The Social Services Commission may adopt rules applicable to Standard Program counties providing for the waiver of the 36-month waiting period required before the family may reapply for benefits. The waiver may be granted to families if:

- (1) The family has exhausted the 24 months of cash assistance and are subject to a 36-month waiting period requirement;
- (2) The family member who has exhausted the 24 months of cash assistance has been terminated from employment, and the termination was not the fault of the family member; and
- (3) The family member whose employment was terminated is not eligible for or has exhausted unemployment compensation."

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.