

# Hall of the House of Representatives

## 90th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2016

### Amendment Form

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#### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1017

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2016-2017  
FISCAL YEAR.

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#### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1017

Amend House Bill No. 1017 as originally introduced:

Page 15, immediately following SECTION 24, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(b)(1) On or before October 1, 2016, the Department of Workforce Services shall request a waiver from the federal government to:

(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

(i) Food;

(ii) Clothing;

(iii) Housing;

(iv) Utilities;

(v) Child care; and



(vi) Incidentals, including without limitation transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the individual; and

(b) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic benefit transfer system.

(2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this section shall not be implemented.

(3) If the department does not request a wavier under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Dotson

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Chief Clerk