

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1017

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5 By: Senator Madison  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR MONTHLY  
10 SUBSIDIES UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT  
11 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO RELATIVE CAREGIVERS OF  
12 CHILDREN FOR WHOM THEIR PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO  
13 PROVIDE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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20 THEIR PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 20-76-444.

26 SECTION 1. (a) The purpose of this section is to provide a mechanism  
27 through the Transitional Employment Assistance Program to support relative  
28 caregivers who provide a caring home to related children so that children who  
29 do not have appropriate parental protection, guidance, and supervision are  
30 not forced into a foster care placement.  
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32 SECTION 2. (b) The Department of Human Services shall provide  
33 relative caregiver services through the Transitional Employment Assistance  
34 Program to an individual who:

35 (1) Applies for relative caregiver services;

36 (2) Has care and custody of a related minor child;



1           (3) Resides in the state at the time of application;

2           (4) Has applied for child support services, when applicable; and

3           (5) Is income and resource eligible.

4           (c) Relative caregiver services shall include:

5               (1) A monthly subsidy no greater than a monthly foster care  
6 board payment but no less than a monthly adoption subsidy or child-only  
7 payment under the Transitional Employment Assistance Program; and

8               (2) Other appropriate services, such as assessment services,  
9 employment assistance, educational or training services, support services,  
10 child care assistance, transportation assistance, medical assistance, and  
11 extended support services, as necessary to adequately support the child or  
12 children in the care and custody of the relative caregiver.

13           (d) The department shall promulgate rules consistent with the intent  
14 of this section.

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