

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 423\***

Short Title: Emergency Assistance/Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Richardson; Ballance, Edwards, Hunt, and Walker.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 25, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH  
DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children's Emergency Assistance program. The Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, shall not expend more State funds than are appropriated under this act for the emergency assistance program. Within this limit, emergency assistance shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year per family, payable over a 30-day period. After this 30-day period, emergency assistance benefits are not available to that family until 12 months have elapsed from the initial authorization date. The family may have no more than a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in liquid assets in order to qualify for any emergency assistance pursuant to this section.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that these emergency assistance funds shall only be used to provide assistance to persons to alleviate an emergency. In evaluating whether an emergency exists, the county departments of social services shall apply prudent judgment to evaluate each emergency on its own merits. Prudent judgment permits departments of social services to consider whether the client created the emergency and whether the assistance will resolve the emergency.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.