

HB 886 -- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Benefits

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This bill requires all purchases and withdrawals made with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits by a TANF recipient in this state to be limited to in-state purchases and withdrawals only.

The Department of Social Services must identify all out-of-state purchases and withdrawals made by each TANF recipient and develop guidelines to approve or deny any out-of-state purchase or withdrawal as well as an appeals process for any purchase or withdrawal that is denied. Any TANF recipient who makes an out-of-state purchase or withdrawal that is not approved by the department will be subject to the loss or reduction of his or her benefits in addition to other remedies available under state or federal law.