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23 To amend the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982 to remove the reduced benefit
24 structure for individuals who receive TANF benefits for more than 60 months, and to
25 provide that portions of TANF payments are designated for children and for parents; to
26 amend section 5812 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to
27 decrease the reduction in benefits for individuals not in compliance with TANF work
28 requirements.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
31 act may be cited as the "TANF Child Benefit Protection Amendment Act of 2017".

32 Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982
33 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

34 (a) Section 511b (D.C. Official Code § 4-205.11b) is repealed.

35 (b) Section 552 (D.C. Official Code § 4-205.52) is amended as follows:

36 (1) Subsection (c-2) is repealed.

37 (2) Subsection (c-3) is repealed.

38 (3) A new subsection (c-4) is added to read as follows:

39 “(c-4) The level of public assistance payment for assistance units in subsection (c) of this
40 section shall consist of the following components:

41 (1) “80% of the public assistance payment is designated for the child or children.

42 (2) “20% of the public assistance payment is designated for the adult member or
43 members of the assistance unit.

44 The distinction is for the purpose of determining the level of reduction for 29 DCMR
45 5812.8.”.

46 Sec. 3. Section 5812.8 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (29
47 DCMR 5812.8) is amended as follows:

48 (a) Paragraph (a) is amended by striking the phrase “a twenty percent (20%) reduction
49 in the assistance unit’s TANF benefits” and inserting the phrase “a four percent (4%) reduction
50 in the portion of the assistance unit’s TANF benefits that is designated for the adult member or
51 members of the assistance unit, pursuant to D.C. Official Code 4-205.52(c-4),” in its place.

52 (b) Paragraph (b) is amended by striking the phrase “a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the
53 assistance unit’s TANF benefits” and inserting the phrase “an eight percent (8%) reduction in the
54 portion of the assistance unit’s TANF benefits that is designated for the adult member or
55 members of the assistance unit, pursuant to D.C. Official Code 4-205.52(c-4),” in its place.

56 (c) Paragraph (c) is amended to read as follows:

57 “(c) Level Three: a twelve percent (12%) reduction in the assistance unit’s TANF
58 benefits for the adult member of members of the assistance unit as determined in accordance
59 with D.C. Official Code § 4-205.52 (2012 Repl.), is applied when a Customer fails to meet the
60 requirements of § 5812.1 a third time. To receive full TANF benefits following a level three

61 sanction, a Customer must complete an updated assessment, re-negotiate their IRP, and meet the
62 requirements of § 5812.12. If the Customer fails to meet the requirements of § 5812.12 within
63 twelve (12) months, the TANF benefits case shall be terminated. DHS shall provide advanced
64 written notice to the Customer that the TANF case shall be terminated. This notice shall be
65 provided in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 4-205.55 (2012 Repl.).”.

66 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

67 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
68 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
69 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

70 Sec. 5. Effective date.

71 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
72 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
73 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
74 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
75 Columbia Register.