

HB 1406 -- Public Assistance Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act

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This bill establishes the Public Assistance Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act which requires applicants for health care benefits under public assistance to identify their employers. If an applicant is not employed, the individual must identify the employer of any adult who is responsible for providing his or her support.

The Department of Social Services must submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly within 30 days of the end of each calendar year, beginning with 2007. The report must provide information on each employer who has more than 50 employees with at least 25 of them on public assistance. For each employer, the report must identify the employer's name and address; number of public assistance program beneficiaries; number of beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees; whether the employer offers health insurance benefits and, if offered, the level of premium subsidies; whether the employer receives health insurance benefits through the company; and the state's cost of providing public assistance benefits for the employer's employees and enrolled dependents.