

HB 164 -- TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS

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This bill changes the law regarding the use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits via electronic benefit transfer (EBT) transaction. The bill adds pornography to the list of items that are prohibited from being purchased with TANF or SNAP benefits using an EBT card.

The bill requires that upon any third or subsequent violation of the prohibition against using TANF or SNAP benefits via an EBT card in a prohibited establishment or to purchase prohibited items, a TANF recipient must lose his or her TANF benefits for two years.

The bill prohibits a recipient of TANF or SNAP from using his or her EBT card at any automated teller machine (ATM), to receive cash back on a purchase, or to otherwise access the benefits as cash.

The bill repeals the provisions regarding pilot projects in certain counties to provide EBT cards to public assistance recipients.

This bill is the same as HB 2112 (2016) and similar to HB 977 (2015).