

HB 247 -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Porter

Beginning January 1, 2022, any recipient of public benefits shall have a reduction in benefits if minor children in their custody or for whom they receive benefits do not attend school 90% of the school days in the preceding six-month period. The Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services upon determining that unexcused absences result in less than 90% attendance shall reduce benefits by 65% for the next six months. Benefits shall be restored when all children in the custody of a recipient or for whom the recipient receives benefits have attended at least 90% of school days in the preceding six-month period.

This bill is similar to HB 2643 (2020).