



H.B. 372

126th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Rep. J. Stewart

BILL SUMMARY

- Increases the monthly cash assistance benefit to Ohio Works First participants by \$100.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background: Ohio Works First program

(Revised Code Chapter 5107.)

The Ohio Works First (OWF) program is a time-limited, income maintenance program for families with children or pregnant women. Families participating in the program receive cash assistance and other benefits in exchange for fulfilling work and other requirements designed to lead to self-sufficiency and personal responsibility.

Payment increase

The bill increases the monthly cash assistance provided to OWF participants by \$100 above the amount provided on October 1, 2005. The following chart indicates what the maximum monthly OWF cash payments are under current law and as proposed by the bill:

<u>Number in Assistance Group</u>	<u>Current Law Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Payment Under the Bill</u>
1	\$ 245	\$ 345
2	336	436
3	410	510
4	507	607
5	593	693

<u>Number in Assistance Group</u>	<u>Current Law Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Payment Under the Bill</u>
6	660	760
7	737	837
8	817	917
9	899	999
10	980	1080
11	1059	1159
12	1141	1241
13	1221	1321
14	1300	1400
15	1382	1482
16	1484	1584
17	1586	1686
18	1689	1789
19	1791	1891
20	1893	1993
21	1995	2095
22	2098	2198
23	2200	2300
24	2302	2402
Add for each person above 24	102	202

The bill makes an appropriation of TANF Block Grant money to supply such funds, in the amount of \$100 million in each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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