

HOUSE BILL 715

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49  
and Title 71, relative to TANF funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Subject to available funding, and to the extent authorized by federal law, an LEA or public charter school may use temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program funds to cover costs associated with programs in the LEA or public charter school that provide covered services to eligible students.

(b)

(1) The department of education, in consultation with the department of human services, shall determine which programs are eligible to be funded with TANF program funds under subsection (a). The department of education shall publish a list of such eligible programs on its public website.

(2) The department of education and the department of human services shall establish a process:

(A) Through which an LEA or public charter school may apply for TANF program funds for use in an eligible program; and

(B) To award TANF program funds to an LEA or public charter school for use in an eligible program.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.