

HOUSE BILL 2397

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to inflationary adjustments for TANF
benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 12, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

On January 1, 2025, and on January 1 of each subsequent year, the base payment for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible families, authorized under the state's TANF program must be adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or another similar index established by the federal government, between the two (2) calendar years preceding January 1 of the year in which the adjustment is made. A reduction must not be made by way of adjustment on account of a decrease in the average consumer price index between two (2) successive calendar years.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.