

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/HB 915 — Medical Assistance Eligibility for Working Individuals with Disabilities

by Human Services Subcommittee and Rep. Tant and others (CS/SB 1016 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Bradley)

The bill codifies the Working People with Disabilities Program (program) created by the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act to enroll employed adults with developmental disabilities who are enrolled in an eligible Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver to have increased income and asset limits. This allows individuals to work while maintaining Medicaid eligibility.

The bill requires the DCF to provide written notice to eligible adults of the program upon enrollment in an HCBS waiver that concisely communicates the following:

- Automatic enrollment in the program;
- Eligibility and qualifications for the program;
- The ability to maintain Medicaid benefits while earning income;
- The optional nature of the program;
- An overview of a special needs trust and how it may assist with maintaining eligibility; and
- The name and contact information for an individual responsible for providing information on eligibility or other assistance.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 115-0