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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Stewart, Alzate, Slater, Kislak, Kazarian,
Caldwell, Giraldo, Ajello, and Batista

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40-5.2-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-5.2 entitled "The Rhode
2 Island Works Program" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **40-5.2-35. Child support pass-through.**

4 For any month in which a noncustodial parent makes a child support payment in the month
5 when due and the support is collected by the department of human services, for a child or children
6 receiving cash assistance pursuant to this chapter, the first ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars
7 (\$100) for one child or the first two hundred dollars (\$200) for more than one child of the child
8 support payment, or the actual amount of the child support payment if the payment is less than ~~fifty~~
9 ~~dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) for one child or two hundred dollars (\$200) for more
10 than one child, shall be paid to the family in which the child resides. If more than one noncustodial
11 parent makes a child support payment to children living in the same family, there shall only be one
12 payment of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) for one child or two hundred dollars
13 (\$200) for more than one child paid to the family from the child support collected. This payment is
14 known as the "pass through" payment and shall be sent to the family within two (2) business days
15 of the determination that the amount is due and owing and no later than within two (2) business
16 days of the end of the month in which the support was collected.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would amend the Rhode Island works program to increase the cash support pass-
2 through to one hundred dollars (\$100) for one child and two hundred dollars (\$200) for more than
3 one child.

4 This act would take effect July 1, 2026.

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