

HB 34 -- Eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Program Benefits

Sponsor: Sater

By October 28, 2011, this bill requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a federal waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to modify the eligibility requirements for the Missouri Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program to reduce the lifetime eligibility limits for recipients from five years to two years and to establish a cap on TANF cash benefits for recipients that is based on the number of children in the recipient's family. Additional cash benefits cannot be awarded to a recipient in the event of a child's birth after the initial award. The Department of Social Services must offer family planning services to all TANF cash benefit recipients.