

HB 269 -- HAND-UP PROGRAM

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Subject to appropriations, this bill reauthorizes, and makes changes to, the Hand-Up Program which is a pilot program intended to more effectively transition persons receiving state-funded child care subsidy benefits. The Pilot Program would begin on July 1, 2022 and would only be implemented in Jackson, Greene and Clay counties. The Program would allow recipients to qualify for transitional child care benefits without having to qualify for full child care benefits.

The Children's Division within the Department of Social Services must track recipients of the Hand-Up Program and report statistics on the Program to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022 and annually on September first thereafter.

These provisions shall sunset three years after the effective date.

This bill is the same as HB 1478 (2020) and similar to HB 965 (2019).