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By COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND WELFARE

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## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the granting of old age assistance.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred forty-nine point seven  
2 (249.7), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the following in-  
3 sserted in lieu thereof:  
4 "The amount of assistance which any person shall receive  
5 under this chapter shall be determined with due regard to  
6 the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual  
7 and the conditions in such cases; and in accordance with the  
8 rules and regulations made by the state board; and shall be  
9 sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the  
10 recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsis-  
11 tence."  
1 Section 2. Section two hundred forty-nine point eight  
2 (249.8), Code 1966, is hereby repealed.

### EXPLANATION

Title I of the Social Security Act, governing federal finan-  
cial participation in the old age assistance program, has been  
amended numerous times over the years with regards to the treatment  
of income and resources in determining eligibility for assistance  
and the amount of assistance grants. Some of those amendments  
have been mandatory upon the states while other amendments permit  
the states an option in their application.

Title VII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 makes manda-  
tory the exemption of income derived from participation in that

program when an old age assistance recipient receives income from that source.

The proposals in this bill would permit the State Board to comply with federal mandatory requirements without delay and revise its regulations to comply with the optional provisions of the federal statutes when such compliance serves the best interests of old age assistance recipients. Example: Section 2. (a) (10) (A) of Title I of the Social Security Act now provides that a state in determining need for assistance "shall take into consideration any other income and resources of an individual claiming old age assistance, as well as any expenses reasonably attributable to the earning of any such income; except that in making such determination, (i) the State agency may disregard not more than \$5 per month of any income and (ii) of the first \$80 per month of additional income which is earned the State agency may disregard not more than the first \$20 thereof plus one-half the remainder." This provision serves to encourage continued effort and activity on the part of old age assistance recipients. The proposals in this bill would enable the State Board to give recipients the advantage of liberalized federal provisions without the delay involved in securing appropriate state legislation.