

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2008-161
HOUSE BILL 2410**

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, AND DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INCOME DISREGARD POLICY FOR CURRENT STATE/COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WHO ARE ADVERSELY IMPACTED DUE TO COST OF LIVING OR OTHER INCOME INCREASES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, and Division of Medical Assistance shall study implementation of an income disregard policy for current State/County Special Assistance and Medicaid residents who are adversely impacted due to cost of living or other income increases.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, and Division of Medical Assistance shall report the findings and recommendations of the study contained in this section to the Study Commission on Aging, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, on or before October 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of July, 2008.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 3:37 a.m. this 3rd day of August, 2008