



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5486

House of Representatives, April 7, 2026

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. GILCHREST of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A DIAPER PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, (1) "eligible
2 children" means children three years of age or younger from households
3 with family income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal
4 poverty level, and (2) "diaper partnership" means a partnership between
5 an organization representing hospitals in the state and a nonprofit
6 organization that distributes diapers to needy families statewide. The
7 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a grant program for the
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, to fund the provision of diapers at no
9 cost by a diaper partnership to eligible children.

10 (b) The commissioner shall prescribe reporting requirements for any
11 diaper partnership that receives funds under the grant program. Not
12 later than September 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
13 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
14 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General

15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
 16 the budgets of state agencies and human services on: (1) The number of
 17 diapers distributed through the grant program, (2) an estimate of the
 18 number of families in need of diapers who did not obtain diapers
 19 through the grant program, (3) a list of health conditions ameliorated by
 20 the provision of diapers through the grant program and state health care
 21 costs averted, and (4) recommendations concerning future state
 22 appropriations that may be necessary to support the grant program.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The sum of one million dollars is
 24 appropriated to the Department of Social Services from the General
 25 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the grant program
 26 established pursuant to section 1 of this act to provide diapers at no cost
 27 to children three years of age or younger from families with household
 28 income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

HS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	1,087,000	None
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	36,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of approximately \$1.1 million to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in FY 27 to establish a diaper partnership grant program and report on the program by September 1, 2027.

The bill appropriates \$1 million in FY 27 to DSS to provide diapers to partnership organizations for distribution to families with children three years of age or younger with household income not exceeding 200% of the federal poverty level. DSS will need one durational Public Assistance Consultant (salary of approximately \$87,000 with associated fringe benefits of approximately \$36,000) for FY 27 to oversee the grant program and fulfill the reporting requirements.

Spending Cap

sHB 5032, the FY 27 Revised Budget as favorably reported by the

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

Appropriations Committee, is under the spending cap by \$16.1 million in FY 27. The appropriation contained in section 2 of the bill would result in the budget being under the spending cap by \$15.1 million in FY 27.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to future appropriations for the grant program.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 7 (03/19/2026)