An Act to Improve Family Economic Security Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (a) and enacting the following in its place:

(a) One hundred percent of:
   (i) All earned income received for the first 3 months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or
   (ii) The first 3 months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (b) and enacting the following in its place:

(b) Seventy-five percent of:
   (i) All earned income received for the 4th to 6th months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or
   (ii) The 4th to 6th months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;