

CHAPTER 43

Original Senate File No. 102

STANDARD OF NEED

AN ACT to amend W.S. 42-1-102(a)(xvi) and by creating a new paragraph (xvii) and 42-1-121 relating to public assistance; defining standard of need; providing that the legislature will biennially establish standard of need and payment levels for the aid to families with dependent children program; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 42-1-102(a)(xvi) and by creating a new paragraph (xvii) and 42-1-121 are amended to read:

**42-1-102. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this act:

(xvi) "Public assistance" or "assistance" means financial aid in the form of a grant, food stamps or payment for medical services;

(xvii) "Standard of need" means the amount of financial need as determined by the legislature that will allow a unit of people to live at a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency, health and well being.

**42-1-121. Determination of amount of assistance.**

(a) The amount of assistance or social services which shall be granted to or on behalf of eligible persons shall be determined with due regard to the financial condition of an applicant or recipient, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department of health and social services.

(b) As part of its biennial budget request the division of public assistance and social services shall review and recommend to the legislature standard of need and payment levels for the aid to families with dependent children program. The legislature shall biennially establish standard of need and payment levels in the appropriation bill containing the budget of the division.

**Section 2.** This act is effective May 22, 1987.

Approved February 19, 1987.