

## CHAPTER 75

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**HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**HOUSE BILL 08-1307**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Buescher, Pommer, White, Green, Labuda, and Solano;  
also SENATOR(S) Keller, Morse, and Johnson.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING INTERIM ASSISTANCE FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY A PERSON SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 26-2-206, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**26-2-206. Interim assistance.** (1) The state department, with the approval of the state board and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state department, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the secretary of the United States department of health, education, and welfare for implementation of arrangements for interim assistance as authorized by Title XVI of the social security act.

(2) PAYMENT OF LEGAL, PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER FEES BY A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WHO IS SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

(3) NEITHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOR ANY COUNTY SHALL PAY ANY PORTION OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, INCLUDING ANY LEGAL, PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER FEES PAID BY A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL BENEFIT. THE INTERIM ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO REIMBURSE THE STATE AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED PROGRAM, DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-2-111 (4), FOR BENEFITS PAID TO THE RECIPIENT AS INTERIM ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. ANY MONEYS RECEIVED BY A COUNTY IN EXCESS OF THE INTERIM

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

ASSISTANCE PAID BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND ANY COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE RECIPIENT SHALL BE PAID TO THE RECIPIENT.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 26, 2008