

DIGEST OF LAWS OF 2004  
RELATING TO PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE  
OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

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**TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE**

**Chapter 83 – Work Activities**

[Senate 6358 by Senator Meier, et al.]

Extends from June 30, 2004 until June 30, 2006 the provisions of law that allow certain public assistance recipients to participate in work study and internship programs and have those hours of participation count toward the recipient's work activity.

**Statutes involved:**

Laws 2000, Chapter 534, sect. 5, amended

**Effective date:** May 18, 2004

**Chapter 310 - Standard of Monthly Need, Personal Needs Allowance**

[Assembly 11104 by the Committee on Rules]

Increases the standards of monthly need for determining eligibility and payment of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and additional State payments to the aged, blind and disabled to reflect SSI benefit increases that may result from any cost-of-living adjustment occurring between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2004 and makes corresponding changes to personal allowances provided to residents of congregate care facilities.

**Statutes involved:**

Social Services Law

Section 131-o, subd. 1, paras. (a), (b), (c) and (d), amended

Section 209, subd. 2, paras. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g),  
amended

Section 210, subd. 1, amended

**Effective date:** December 31, 2004

**Chapter 380 – Education and Training Opportunities**

[Senate 7279-A by Senator Meier]

Expands the education and training activities in which safety net participants without dependent children can participate for purposes of complying with public assistance work requirements.

**Statutes involved:**

Social Services Law

Section 335-b, subd. 2, amended

**Effective date:** May 17, 2004

**Chapter 714 – Credit of Tax Refunds**  
[Senate 1823-A by Senator Meier, et al.]

Limits recoveries from tax refunds of debts for public assistance overpayments to 10 percent of the taxpayer's total refund if the taxpayer has applied for and is eligible for an earned income tax credit, unless the public assistance debt was incurred as a result of fraud for which a public assistance sanction has been applied.

**Statutes involved:**

Tax Law  
Section 171-f, subd. 5, para (b-1), added

**Effective date:** November 24, 2004

**CHILD SUPPORT**

**Chapter 336– Support Magistrates**  
[Assembly 7511-B by Assembly Member Weinstein, et al.,  
at the request of the Office of Court Administration]

Changes the position of hearing examiners in child support matters to support magistrates.

**Statutes involved:**

Family Court Act  
Section 439, subds. (a), (b) and (c), amended  
Section 439, subd. (e), amended

Civil Practice Law and Rules  
Section 2302, subd. (b), amended

**Effective date:** November 8, 2004

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Chapter 463 – Immigrant Assistance Services**  
[Assembly 7137-B by Assembly Member McLaughlin, et al.]

Establishes requirements for the provision of immigrant assistance services.

**Statutes involved:**

General Business Law  
Article 28-C, added

**Effective date:** November 1, 2004

**Chapter 727 – Application Forms on the Internet**

[Senate 1777 by Senator Trunzo]

Requires every State agency and State instrumentality to make the various application forms developed and distributed by the agency or instrumentality for public use available on the internet.

**Statutes involved:**

Executive Law  
Section 164-d, added

**Effective date:** April 7, 2005.

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