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# HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(30): DHHS, DSS Funds for Facilities Receiving State- County Special Assistance

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 3.3(30) of S.L. 2020-4 requires the Office of State Budget and Management to allocate \$25,000,000 of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, to provide funds for facilities licensed to accept State-County Special Assistance. The funds must be used to provide a one-time payment to these facilities to offset the increased costs of service residents during the COVID-19 emergency. Each eligible facility must receive \$1,325 for each resident of the facility who is a recipient of State-County Special Assistance between March 10, 2020, through July 30, 2020. If a recipient who transfers from one facility to another during this time period, only the first eligible facility of residence will receive the payment. Nothing in this section must be construed as an obligation by the General Assembly to appropriate funds for the purpose of this section, or as an entitlement by any facility, resident of a facility, or other person to receive financial assistance under this section. The following definitions apply:*

- *Facility licensed to accept State-County Special Assistance payments. – Any residential care facility that is (i) licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services and (ii) authorized to accept State-County Special Assistance payments from its residents.*
- *State-County Special Assistance. – The program authorized by G.S. 108A-40.*

*This section became effective May 4, 2020.*

*Note: Also see summary of Section 3.3(30a) of S.L. 2020-4, as added by Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97 which pertains to State-County Special Assistance funds.*

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