OVERVIEW: Section 9I.1 of S.L. 2021-180 provides $48 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, to be allocated for facilities licensed to accept State-County Special Assistance. The Division of Social Services must expend up to $24 million of these allocated funds during the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and any remaining funds during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, to provide temporary financial assistance in the form of a monthly payment to facilities to offset the increased costs of serving residents who are recipients of State-County Special Assistance during the public health emergency.

Between July 1, 2021, and the depletion of funds or the date federal law requires funds to be expended, whichever is earlier, the monthly payment authorized is $125 per month for each facility resident who is a recipient of State-County Special Assistance. Monthly payments must not be made for residents whose eligibility determination is pending.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.