

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LAW; AMENDING SECTION 56-211, IDAHO CODE, TO
2 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN
3 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 56-211, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 56-211. APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. (1) Application for pub-
9 lic assistance under this act shall be made in the manner and form prescribed
10 by the state department, and the application shall contain such informatin
11 information bearing on the applicant's eligibility as the state department
12 may require and as required in subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) If an applicant seeks public assistance for which a determination
14 of eligibility or amount is related to the number of dependent children of
15 the applicant, then the applicant shall provide the state department a copy
16 of the birth certificate, or proof of application for a birth certificate,
17 for each dependent child the applicant claims on the application. Upon a
18 showing of good cause by the applicant as to why a birth certificate for any
19 such child has not been provided, the state department shall grant an exten-
20 sion and the applicant may receive the public assistance for which he or she
21 has applied for one (1) month. Such showing of good cause shall be required
22 each month the applicant fails to provide the state department a copy of the
23 birth certificate. A showing of good cause shall be satisfied when the ap-
24 plicant provides documentation that he or she applied for, or made reason-
25 able effort to obtain, a birth certificate and such application has not been
26 timely processed by the issuing entity. Good cause is not shown where a delay
27 in obtaining a birth certificate is due to illness, lack of transportation or
28 temporary absences.