

Outline of the Act to Partially Amend the Act for Supporting the Self-Reliance of Persons in Need and Other Laws

Purpose of the Amendments

In light of the increase in the number of single-person elderly households, etc., and in order to further promote the self-reliance of persons in need, etc., by providing support for securing stable housing for those who have difficulty in securing housing, and by enhancing support for children in households on welfare, etc., the following is proposed: (1) measures to strengthen housing support, (2) measures to address child poverty, (3) measures to strengthen cooperation among support-related organizations.

Outline of Amendments

1. Measures to strengthen housing support [Act for Supporting the Self-Reliance of Persons in Need, Public Assistance Act, Social Welfare Act]

- (1) Clarify consultation support concerning housing, etc. by local governments for those who have difficulty in securing housing, and strengthen consistent housing support from the time of moving in, while residing, and when moving out. (Consultation support for the self-reliance of persons in need, and the Multilayered Support System Development Program)
- (2) Support stable living in the community through strengthening the community residential support, etc. by making it an obligation of local governments to make efforts to provide support such as watching over residents, etc.
- (3) Expand the scope of those who are eligible for the housing security benefits for persons in need so that they have a stable living environment by moving to low-rent housing, etc.
- (4) As a measure to ensure the effectiveness of advance notification concerning free and low-cost lodging facilities, establish provisions that require municipalities to make efforts to notify prefectures of facilities suspected of being unregistered, and establish penalties for violation of notification obligations.

2. Measures to Address Child Poverty [Public Assistance Act]

- (1) Establish a system that provides children and their guardians in households on welfare with early support for their future independence by making it a statutory program to visit them and provide them with information and advice on how to improve their learning and living environment, utilize scholarships, etc.
- (2) When a child from a household on welfare graduates from high school, etc. finds a job, and becomes self-supporting, a lump-sum payment is to be provided to cover the cost of starting a new life, for supporting self-reliance in establishing a foundation for living.

3. Measures for strengthening cooperation among support-related organizations [Act for Supporting the Self-Reliance of Persons in Need, Public Assistance Act]

- (1) From the viewpoint of strengthening nationwide implementation of support for employment preparation and improvement of household finances, increase the government subsidy rate for household finance improvement support for persons in need, and make the support for public assistance recipients statutory.
- (2) With regard to providing job preparation support, household finance improvement support, and housing support to persons in need, establish a new system that public assistance recipients can also use these supports to strengthen coordination between the two systems.
- (3) To strengthen the ability to respond to cases with diverse and complex issues, establish a conference body* to exchange information and study support systems among related organizations.
*Making it mandatory to make efforts to establish support councils for persons in need, and creating provisions to establish a council body on support for public assistance recipients, etc.
- (4) Establish a system that obligates prefectures to make efforts to analyze data on medical assistance and health management support programs from a wide-area perspective, and provide information to municipalities to promote appropriate medical assistance and effective implementation of health management support programs, etc.

Etc.

Effective date

April 1, 2025 (however, 2(2) is effective as of the date of proclamation* and 2(1) is effective as of October 1, 2024) *2(2) is retroactively applied as of January 1, 2024.

生活困窮者自立支援法等の一部を改正する法律の概要

改正の趣旨

単身高齢者世帯の増加等を踏まえ、住宅確保が困難な者への安定的な居住の確保の支援や、生活保護世帯の子どもへの支援の充実等を通じて、生活困窮者等の自立の更なる促進を図るため、①居住支援の強化のための措置、②子どもの貧困への対応のための措置、③支援関係機関の連携強化等の措置を講ずる。

改正の概要

1. 居住支援の強化のための措置【生活困窮者自立支援法、生活保護法、社会福祉法】

- ① 住宅確保が困難な者への自治体による居住に関する相談支援等を明確化し、入居時から入居中、そして退居時までの一貫した居住支援を強化する。（生活困窮者自立相談支援事業、重層的支援体制整備事業）
- ② 見守り等の支援の実施を自治体の努力義務とするなど、地域居住支援事業等の強化を図り、地域での安定した生活を支援する。
- ③ 家賃が低廉な住宅等への転居により安定した生活環境が実現するよう、生活困窮者住居確保給付金の支給対象者の範囲を拡大する。
- ④ 無料低額宿泊所に係る事前届出の実効性を確保する方策として、無届の疑いがある施設に係る市町村から都道府県への通知の努力義務の規定を設けるとともに、届出義務違反への罰則を設ける。

2. 子どもの貧困への対応のための措置【生活保護法】

- ① 生活保護世帯の子ども及び保護者に対し、訪問等により学習・生活環境の改善、奨学金の活用等に関する情報提供や助言を行うための事業を法定化し、生活保護世帯の子どもの将来的な自立に向け、早期から支援につながる仕組みを整備する。
- ② 生活保護世帯の子どもが高等学校等を卒業後、就職して自立する場合に、新生活の立ち上げ費用に充てるための一時金を支給することとし、生活基盤の確立に向けた自立支援を図る。

3. 支援関係機関の連携強化等の措置【生活困窮者自立支援法、生活保護法】

- ① 就労準備支援、家計改善支援の全国的な実施を強化する観点から、生活困窮者への家計改善支援事業についての国庫補助率の引上げ、生活保護受給者向け事業の法定化等を行う。
- ② 生活困窮者に就労準備支援・家計改善支援・居住支援を行う事業について、新たに生活保護受給者も利用できる仕組みを創設し、両制度の連携を強化する。
- ③ 多様で複雑な課題を有するケースへの対応力強化のため、関係機関間で情報交換や支援体制の検討を行う会議体の設置（※）を図る。
※ 生活困窮者向けの支援会議の設置の努力義務化や、生活保護受給者の支援に関する会議体の設置規定の創設など
- ④ 医療扶助や健康管理支援事業について、都道府県が広域的観点からデータ分析等を行い、市町村への情報提供を行う仕組み（努力義務）を創設し、医療扶助の適正化や健康管理支援事業の効果的な実施等を促進する。

施行期日

令和7年4月1日（ただし、2②は公布日（※）、2①は令和6年10月1日）※2②は令和6年1月1日から遡及適用する。