

**House Human Services Committee Voting Meeting**  
**Room G50 Irvis Office**  
**Harrisburg, PA 17120**  
**June 03, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**

**Agenda**

**House Bill 2540 (D. WILLIAMS)** An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for transition to chip-enabled access cards.

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**And any other business that comes before the Committee**

**Adjournment**

**Attachments:**

- Human Services Committee Official Meeting Notice 6.3.26
- House Human Services Committee Voting Meeting Agenda 6.3.26
- HB2540P3440 Bill Analysis
- 2025-0-HB2540P3440
- A03392 Amendment Analysis
- A03392\_Trial\_Engrossment
- A03392 Rep. Kinkead

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the House Human Services Committee  
**FROM:** Representative Dan Williams, Majority Chair, House Human Services Committee  
**DATE:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
**RE:** House Human Services Committee Voting Meeting

The House Human Services Committee will hold a Voting Meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 10:00 am in room G50 Irvis Office Building. Our agenda will consist of the following along with any other business that may come before the committee:

**House Bill 2540 (D. Williams)** An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for transition to chip-enabled access cards..

Please contact Amanda Stockton with any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please submit a Vote by Designation or Leave Request Form to the appropriate Chair's office prior to the start of the meeting, thank you.

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## House Human Services Committee Voting Meeting

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

10:00AM

Room G50 Irvis

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### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Attendance

**3. House Bill 2540 (D. Williams)** An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for transition to chip-enabled access cards.

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### 5. Adjournment

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HB2540 PN3440	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Dylan Lindberg (717) 705-1925
<b>Committee:</b>	Human Services	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Dylan Lindberg
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Williams, Dan		
<b>Date:</b>	5/26/2026		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

Requires DHS to implement chip-enabled EBT cards.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

House Bill 2540 amends the Human Services Code to require the Department of Human Services to implement chip-enabled Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) access cards by January 1st, 2028.

DHS must:

- Implement the transition in the most cost-effective and efficient way;
- Apply for any federal funds made available for implementation;
- Perform outreach to vendors on the changes; and
- Issue an initial report within 180 days of the effective date to the chairs of the House Human Services Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on the implementation, county-by-county. Following the initial report, they must issue a report every 6 months until the implementation is complete.

Nothing would prevent the department from implementing any future changes to EBT cards to enhance security.

### **Effective Date:**

Immediately.

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

7 CFR 274.8 requires the states to ensure that EBT systems comply with point of sale technical standards established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or International Organization for Standardization (ISO). In addition, the State agency shall ensure that the EBT system meets performance and technical standards in the areas of system processing speeds, system availability and reliability, system security, system ease-of-use, minimum card and terminal requirements, performance bonding, and a minimum transaction set.

Further, 7 CFR 274.8 requires EBT cards to be interoperable between state lines.

### **E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)**

N/A.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2540 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, HEFFLEY, FIEDLER, BURGOS, KAUFFMAN, MAYES, PROBST, SAMUELSON, GIRAL, POWELL, WAXMAN, VENKAT, McNEILL, JAMES, PUGH, HILL-EVANS, RIVERA, PASHINSKI, SANCHEZ AND CURRY, MAY 26, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 27, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,  
4 providing for transition to chip-enabled access cards.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
8 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to  
9 read:

10 Section 414.2. Transition to Chip-Enabled Access Cards.--(a)  
11 Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the  
12 department shall transition all access cards for use in the  
13 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to include chip-  
14 enabled technology no later than January 1, 2028.

15 (b) The department shall implement the transition under  
16 subsection (a) in the most cost-effective and efficient manner,  
17 such as, but not limited to, transitioning access cards on a  
18 county-by-county basis or regional basis.

1     (c) The department shall:

2     (1) Within 180 days of the effective date of this section,  
3 issue an initial report evaluating the transition under  
4 subsection (a) on a county-by-county basis to:

5     (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health  
6 and Human Services Committee of the Senate.

7     (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Human  
8 Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

9     (2) Following the initial report under paragraph (1), issue  
10 a report every 180 days until chip-enabled access cards have  
11 been made available in each county.

12     (3) Perform outreach to vendors on the transition under  
13 subsection (a), including system upgrades that a vendor may need  
14 to implement.

15     (4) Apply for any Federal grants or money made available to  
16 implement the transition in a manner that would result in  
17 receiving the maximum amount of money possible.

18     (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
19 department's authority to implement future changes to access  
20 cards to enhance benefit security.

21     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AMENDMENT REPORT

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### **HB2540 - PN3440 (Williams, Dan)**

Requires DHS to implement chip-enabled EBT cards.

### **A-03392 (Kinkead, Emily) (Committee)**

Makes technical changes, ensures each recipient receives one chip-enabled access card free of charge, requires recipient education regarding the transition, and directs the Department to establish procedures for emergency access card distribution.



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10 Section 414.2. Transition to Chip-Enabled Access Cards.--(a)  
11 ~~Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly To the extent~~  
12 ~~money is appropriated for the purposes under this section, the~~  
13 ~~department shall transition all access cards for use in the~~  
14 ~~Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to include chip-~~  
15 ~~enabled technology no later than January 1, 2028.~~

16 (b) The department shall implement the transition under  
17 ~~subsection (a) in the most cost effective and efficient manner,~~  
18 ~~such as, but not limited to, transitioning access cards on a~~

## A03392 Amendment in Context

1 ~~county by county basis or regional basis.~~ a manner that balances  
2 ~~efficiency and cost-effectiveness and provides enhanced security~~  
3 ~~features such as tap-to-pay technology or other technology to~~  
4 ~~prevent benefit theft.~~

5 (c) The department shall provide one chip-enabled access  
6 card per eligible recipient at no cost to the recipient.

7 ~~(e)~~ (d) The department shall:

8 (1) Within 180 days of the effective date of this section,  
9 issue an initial report evaluating the transition under  
10 subsection (a) ~~on a county by county basis~~ to:

11 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Health  
12 and Human Services Committee of the Senate.

13 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Human  
14 Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

15 (2) Following the initial report under paragraph (1), issue  
16 a report every 180 days until chip-enabled access cards have  
17 been made available in each county.

18 (3) Perform outreach to vendors on the transition under  
19 subsection (a), including system upgrades that a vendor may need  
20 to implement.

21 ~~(4) Apply for any Federal grants or money made available to~~  
22 ~~implement the transition in a manner that would result in~~  
23 ~~receiving the maximum amount of money possible.~~

24 (4) Perform outreach to recipients on the transition,  
25 including posting on the department's publicly accessible  
26 Internet website, in a shareable format, resources and  
27 frequently asked questions regarding the use of access cards  
28 with chip-enabled technology.

29 (5) Establish a procedure to distribute access cards to  
30 eligible recipients in emergency situations.

## A03392 Amendment in Context

1     (6) Take necessary steps, where possible, to maximize  
2     funding with Federal or other funding sources by October 1,  
3     2026.

4     ~~(d)~~ (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit  
5     the department's authority to implement future changes to access  
6     cards to enhance benefit security.

7     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2540

Sponsor: *Kinkoad #20*

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by striking out "Subject to  
2 appropriations by the General Assembly" and inserting

3 To the extent money is appropriated for the purposes under  
4 this section

5 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 16 through 18, by striking out "the  
6 most cost-effective and efficient manner," in line 16 and all of  
7 lines 17 and 18 and inserting

8 a manner that balances efficiency and cost-effectiveness and  
9 provides enhanced security features such as tap-to-pay  
10 technology or other technology to prevent benefit theft.

11 (c) The department shall provide one chip-enabled access  
12 card per eligible recipient at no cost to the recipient.

13 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out "(c)" and  
14 inserting

15 (d)

16 Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out "on a county-by-  
17 county basis"

18 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 through 17, by striking out all  
19 of said lines and inserting

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26 eligible recipients in emergency situations.

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28 funding with Federal or other funding sources by October 1,  
29 2026.

1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "(d)" and  
2 inserting  
3 (e)