



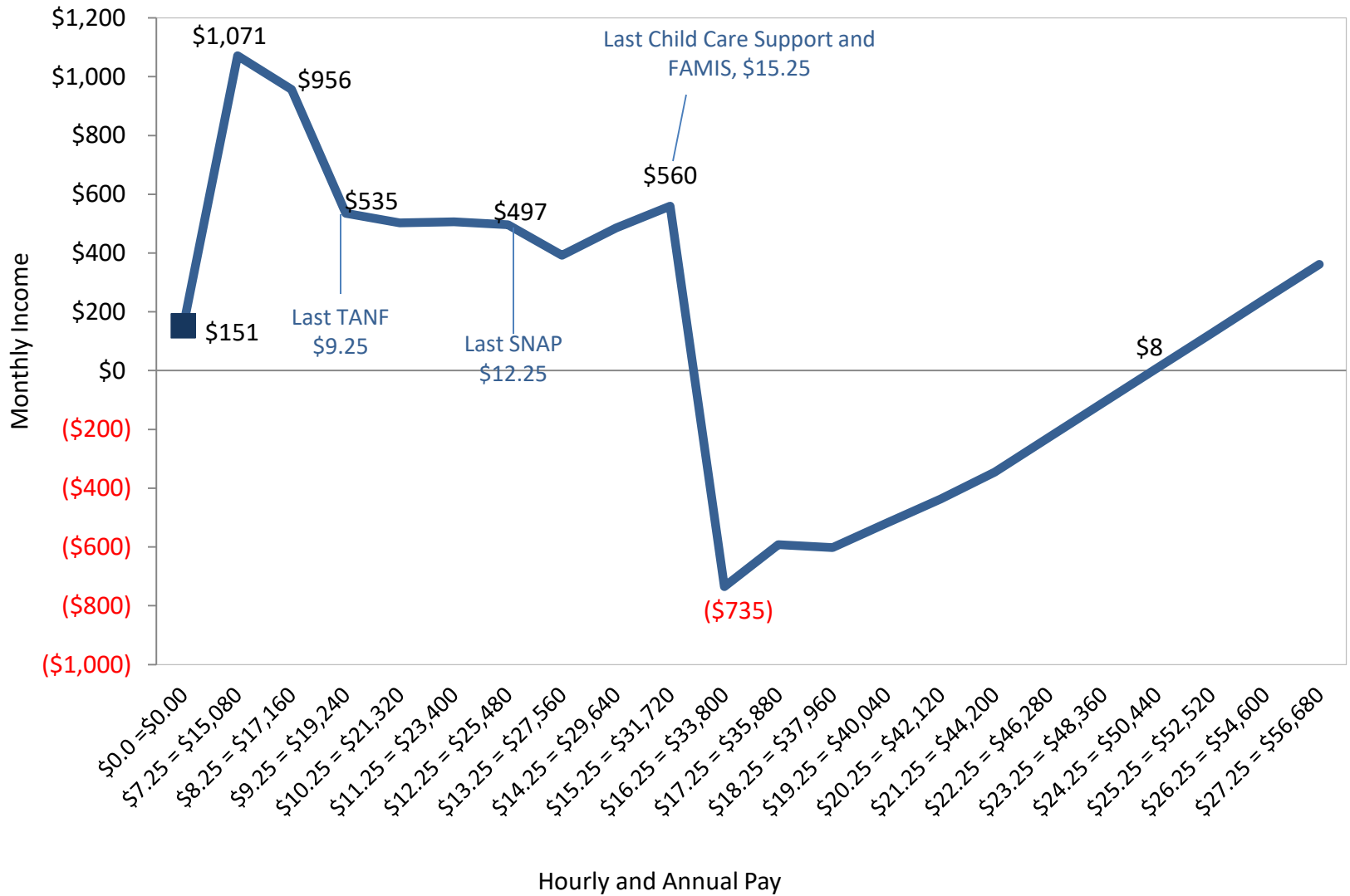
Benefit Cliff and TANF Update
Commission on Youth
12/04/18

S. Duke Storen, Commissioner

Benefit Cliff

- Illustration of the “benefit cliff” – Richmond City TANF VIEW Participant
(https://www.dss.virginia.gov/geninfo/reports/financial_assistance/sufficiency.cgi)
 - Analysis based on 2016 data
 - Assumes families participate in all programs and tax credit opportunities

Hypothetical TANF VIEW Discretionary Monthly Income, After Taxes & Expenses



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Benefit Cliff

- Current policies and state actions to mitigate the benefit cliff
 - Earned income disregards in TANF and SNAP
 - New child care policies (10/01/18) on graduated exit and 12 month eligibility
 - Adoption of a living wage standard and new orientation for TANF VIEW and SNAP Employment and Training
 - Sectoral and credential initiatives as part of the workforce system
 - Outreach to increase utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit

TANF Eligibility and Payments

Monthly Figures for 3 Person Family

