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Amendment to HB 348

1 Amend RSA 165:1, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 II. The local governing body, as defined in RSA 672:6, of every town and city in the state
4 shall adopt written guidelines relative to general assistance. The guidelines shall include, but not be
5 limited to, the following:

6 (a) The process for application for general assistance.

7 (b) The criteria for determining eligibility *for general assistance, which may require*
8 *an individual to provide proof of residency prior to being approved for such assistance.*
9 *Acceptable evidence of an individual's residence may include a lease, car registration,*
10 *utility bill, or any government-issued document with an address matching the stated*
11 *residence.*

12 (1) *Special consideration may be provided to non-residents who have left*
13 *their town of origin due to domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human*
14 *trafficking.*

15 (2) *The governing body may, at its discretion, authorize the local assistance*
16 *administrator to provide emergency assistance to a non-resident for up to 72 hours to allow*
17 *application and communication coordination with the town of origin.*

18 (c) The process for appealing a decision relative to the granting of general assistance.

19 (d) The process for the application of rents under RSA 165:4-b, if the municipality uses
20 the offset provisions of RSA 165:4-a.

21 (e) A statement that qualified state assistance reductions under RSA 167:82, VIII may
22 be deemed as income, if the local governing body has permitted the welfare administrator to treat a
23 qualified state assistance reduction as deemed income under RSA 165:1-e.

24 (f) *A monthly local assistance limit of not less than 50 percent of the federal*
25 *poverty level.*