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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2527

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2527.

Amend House Bill No. 2527 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Dees, Lendall, Altes, Bledsoe as co-sponsors of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete line 6 and substitute the following:
"By: Senators B. Walker, Critcher, Fitch, Gullett"

AND

Page 1 delete lines 25 through 36 and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-76-105(c) and (d), concerning the
creation of the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, are amended to read
as follows: "

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 13 in their entirety

AND

Page 2, delete line 23 and substitute the following:
"(D) ~~Ten (10)~~ Five (5) members of the board shall "

AND

Page 2, delete lines 25 through 28 and substitute the following:
"(E) Only the nine (9) appointed members ~~and the six (6)
agency directors will~~ shall serve as voting members. "

AND

Page 4, delete line 23 and substitute the following:

"(21) The Arkansas Transitional Employment Board shall utilize the expertise of the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board to jointly:

(A) Develop a plan for contracting with state agencies,
two-"

AND

Page 4, delete line 25 and substitute the following:

"organizations to establish, using available Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds, at least three (3) demonstration projects, to"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 15 through 21 and substitute the following:

"(C) The board may authorize one (1) or more of the following actions if the board certifies to the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and notifies the Legislative Council and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health Welfare, and Labor that the action is necessary to avoid overspending the biennial budget for child care:

(i) An increase in the copayment schedule for transitional child care;

(ii) An allocation of further Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds;

(iii) A reduction of a total of twenty-four (24) months in the transitional child care assistance available to temporary employment assistance recipients who leave assistance after the reduction; or

(vi) A reduction in the spending cap for low income child care."

AND

Page 5, delete lines 21 through 36 and substitute the following:

"care.

(23)(A) Oversee and coordinate the operation of the local transitional employment assistance coalitions with the goals of continuing their strong contributions to the success of transitional employment assistance recipients, former transitional employment assistance recipients and the transitional employment assistance program, including recruiting new members, arranging training so that coalition officers and members can understand the resources and services available to further their mission, fostering collaboration with workforce investment boards, and assisting transitional employment assistance coalitions to obtain available funding from state, local, private and non-profit sources to support their activities.

(B) The board shall distribute any state funds available to the transitional employment assistance coalitions on a competitive basis."

AND

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 36 in their entirety

AND

Page 7, delete lines 1 through 36 in their entirety

AND

Page 8, delete lines 1 through 20 in their entirety

AND

Page 9, delete line 24 in its entirety

AND

Page 9, delete lines 25 through 31 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 20-76-105, concerning the creation of the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(n) The Department of Human Services shall develop and maintain the indicators for the program outcomes subject to review and approval by the board.

(o)(1) The Department of Human Services shall develop proper targets for each program outcomes by July 1 of each year. Beginning with July 1, 2002, subject to review and approval by the board.

(2) The board shall adopt the targets at the first meeting after July 1 of each year."

AND

Page 9 line 32, delete "(2)" and substitute "(3)"

AND

Page 9, line 34, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 10, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"the program outcome targets.

(p) Minutes of the board's meetings, including attendance records, shall be submitted to the Governor and to the chairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor after each meeting of the board."

AND

Page 10, line 4, delete "SECTION 3." and substitute "SECTION 4."

AND

Page 14, line 33, delete "SECTION 4." and substitute "SECTION 5."

AND

Page 14 line 34, delete "August" and substitute "September"

AND

Page 16, delete lines 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

"~~(8) Effectiveness of incentives designed to promote business participation in the program;~~"

AND

Page 16, line 3, delete "~~(9)(8)~~" and substitute "~~(9)(7)~~"

AND

Page 16, line 7, delete "~~(10)(9)~~" and substitute "~~(10)(8)~~"

AND

Page 16, line 10, delete "~~(11)(10)~~" and substitute "~~(11)(9)~~"

AND

Page 16, line 14, delete "~~(12)(11)~~" and substitute "(10)"

AND

Page 16, line 21, delete "SECTION 5" and substitute "SECTION 6."

AND

Page 19, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 20-76-404(e), concerning the duration of transitional employment assistance, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) A recipient who was eligible for Medicaid and loses his or her financial assistance due to earnings and whose income remains below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level shall remain eligible for transitional Medicaid ~~and child care assistance~~ without reapplication during the immediately succeeding twelve-month period if private medical insurance is unavailable from the employer.

(2) A recipient who loses his or her financial assistance due to earnings and who is employed shall be eligible for:

(A) Child care assistance at no cost and without reapplication for a cumulative period of twelve (12) months; and

(B) Twenty-four (24) additional months of child care assistance shall be provided on a sliding fee scale or other cost-sharing arrangement as determined by the ~~department~~ board.

(3) The board may reduce the period of transitional child care to a total of twenty-four (24) months for recipients who lose assistance at a specified date after the board's decision to limit the assistance, if the board certifies to the Governor and the Chief fiscal Officer of the State that the reduction is necessary to avoid overspending the biennial budget for child care.

(4) The transitional child care assistance available to former recipients shall not exceed the cumulative number of months provided under subdivisions (e)(2) and (3) of this subsection, regardless of whether the former recipient re-enters the transitional employment assistance program."

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code 20-76-404(i), concerning home visits"

AND

Page 19, delete lines 14 and 15 and substitute the following:

"(1) By August 1, 2001, the department shall develop a plan, subject to review and approval by the board, to monitor and protect the safety and well-being of the"

AND

Page 19, line 28, delete "board" and substitute "department"

AND

Page 19 delete line 36 in its entirety

AND

And Page 20, delete lines 1 through 7 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 9. Arkansas Code 20-76-410(c)(1) is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) ~~If a parent is sanctioned for noncompliance with the Transitional Employment Assistance Program requirements, financial assistance for the child or children in a family who are under age eighteen (18) shall may be continued. The Department of Human Services shall develop procedures in such instances to ensure the well being of the child or children. Such procedures may include, but not be limited to, reduced assistance to the parent, designation of a protective payee, referral to the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services as a dependent neglect case, or any other procedures necessary to protect the child or children from risk of neglect, as defined in § 12-12-503(6).~~

(A)(i) After making reasonable efforts to determine that the transitional employment assistance recipient understands the requirement and does not face unknown barriers to compliance, the department may withhold the family's financial assistance for one (1) month.

(ii) If the parent comes into compliance within thirty (30) days and maintains compliance for two (2) weeks, the full financial assistance shall be paid to the parent.

(iii) During the thirty (30) days, the department shall arrange a home visit to the family to determine the well-being of the child or children, to determine if additional services are required to protect the well-being of the children and to ensure that the parent understands the requirement and the consequences of non-compliance.

(B) If the parent fails to come into compliance in thirty (30) days, the family's financial assistance may be reduced:

(i) By up to twenty-five percent (25%) for the

second and third months of noncompliance;

(ii) By up to fifty percent (50%) in the fourth through six months of noncompliance; and

(iii) By up to one hundred percent (100%) after the sixth month of noncompliance.

(C) The department shall arrange a home visit with the family after the sixth month of noncompliance to determine the well-being of the child or children and to determine if additional services are required to protect the well-being of the children.

(D) Medicaid and food stamp benefits shall be continued without need for re-application if the family is being sanctioned and for as long as the family remains eligible under the requirements of those programs.

(E) Department staff may conduct home visits to sanctioned families or they may contract with other state agencies, transitional employment assistance coalitions or appropriate community organizations to perform this function.

(F) The department shall submit biannual reports, beginning January 1, 2002, on the families sanctioned and the outcomes of the home visits to the Governor and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor."

AND

Page 20, line 9, delete "SECTION 7." and substitute "SECTION 10."

AND

Page 20, line 27, delete "SECTION 8." and substitute "SECTION 11."

AND

Page 20, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"(a) At the end of each cost allocation close-out period following the end"

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative T. Steele
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Chief Clerk