

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 889

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE ARKANSAS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE REFORM ACT."

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 889.

Amend Senate Bill No. 889 as originally introduced:

Add Senators Critcher, Hunter and P. Malone as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representatives Biggs, M. Steele, and Haak as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the Enacting Clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-76-410(c)(1), concerning administrative sanctions in the Transitional Employment Assistance Program, 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 be continued.~~

(A) Subject to good cause and other exceptions from transitional employment assistance work activity requirements in § 20-76-402(f), if an individual in a family receiving transitional employment assistance benefits refuses to engage in work activities required under § 20-76-402, the Department of Human Services shall reduce or eliminate the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the family.

(B) Reductions shall be made in progressive increments up to and including termination of transitional employment assistance benefits in accordance with the department's regulations.

(C) The ~~Department of Human Services~~ department 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

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Mahony
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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)."