

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 889

5 By: Senators Mahony, Critcher, Hunter, P. Malone, Bisbee, K. Smith, Horn  
6 By: Representatives Rodgers, Biggs, M. Steele, Haak, Trammell, Womack, Altes, Creekmore, Bennett,  
7 Rackley, Judy, Jacobs, Minton, Bledsoe, Dees  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT  
12 ASSISTANCE ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE COOPERATION OF  
13 THE TEA CLIENT WITH THE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT  
14 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRANSITIONAL  
17 EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACT TO ENCOURAGE  
18 THE COOPERATION OF THE TEA CLIENT WITH  
19 THE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE  
20 PROGRAM.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-76-410(c)(1), concerning administrative  
27 sanctions in the Transitional Employment Assistance Program, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (c)(1) ~~If a parent is sanctioned for noncompliance with the~~  
30 ~~Transitional Employment Assistance Program requirements, financial assistance~~  
31 ~~for the child or children in a family who are under age eighteen (18) shall~~  
32 ~~be continued.~~

33 (A) Subject to good cause and other exceptions from  
34 transitional employment assistance work activity requirements in § 20-76-  
35 402(f), if an individual in a family receiving transitional employment  
36 assistance benefits refuses to engage in work activities required under § 20-

1 76-402, the Department of Human Services shall reduce or eliminate the amount  
2 of assistance otherwise payable to the family.

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

6 (C) The ~~Department of Human Services~~ department shall  
7 develop procedures in such instances to ensure the well-being of the child or  
8 children. Such procedures may include, but not be limited to, ~~reduced~~  
9 ~~assistance to the parent, designation of a protective payee,~~ referral to the  
10 Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services  
11 as a dependent-neglect case, or any other procedures necessary to protect the  
12 child or children from risk of neglect, as defined in § 12-12-503(6).

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15 /s/ Mahony  
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