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L.D. 2390

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1744, L.D. 2390, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program."

Amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "§3741-A." by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 15 to 21 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Voluntary participants given priority. No recipient may be required to participate until sufficient resources are assured within any quarterly period for voluntary participants who are in the program. This policy may be implemented on a regional basis.'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 by striking out all of that part designated "§3760-A." and inserting in its place the following:

'§3760-A. Assistance to first-time pregnant women

Any first-time pregnant woman who is otherwise eligible for assistance under this chapter, except that she has no dependents under the age of 18 years is eligible for the monthly benefit for one eligible person if the medically substantiated expected date of the birth of her child is not more than 90 days

1 following the date the benefit is received. This
2 section shall take effect January 1, 1989.'

3 Further amend the amendment in section 7 in that
4 part designated "\$3783." by striking out all of the
5 last paragraph (page 6, lines 11 to 14 in amendment)
6 and inserting in its place the following:

7 'Child care provided pursuant to this section must
8 meet minimum standards of health and safety required
9 by state law.'

10 Further amend the amendment in section 7 by
11 striking out all of that part designated "\$3785." and
12 inserting in its place the following:

13 '\$3785. Sanctions

14 No recipient may be sanctioned under this program
15 or Aid to Families with Dependent Children for failure
16 to participate in the Additional Support for People in
17 Retraining and Education Program if that failure to
18 participate is based on good cause. Good cause for
19 failure to participate in this program shall be found
20 when there is reasonable and verifiable evidence of:

21 1. Illness or incapacitation. Illness or
22 incapacitation, verified by a physician, upon request
23 by the department;

24 2. Sexual harassment. Sexual harassment;

25 3. Court-required appearance; incarceration.
26 Court-required appearance or incarceration;

27 4. Lack of supportive services. Lack, or
28 breakdown, of necessary supportive services such as
29 child care or transportation with no alternatives
30 available;

31 5. Inclement weather. Inclement weather which
32 prevents the work registrant from traveling to an
33 activity when the weather is severe enough to prevent
34 other registrants from traveling to the same activity;

35 6. Assignment to another activity. Assignment by

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1 the department to an activity or component or another
2 activity required by the department which has not been
3 made part of the employability development plan;

4 7. Relocation. Participation which requires the
5 registrant to relocate outside the registrant's
6 immediate geographic area;

7 8. Crises or special circumstances. Any crises
8 or special circumstances which arise that cause a
9 registrant to be absent from or discontinue any
10 department activity about which the department has
11 been advised and has determined to constitute good
12 cause; or

13 9. Good cause. Any reason found to be good cause
14 by the Department of Human Services.'

15 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of
16 section 9 and inserting in its place the following:

17 'Sec. 9. Report. The Department of Human
18 Services and the Department of Labor shall jointly
19 submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Human Resources on or before February 14, 1990.

21 The report shall contain an analysis and
22 evaluation of the implementation of the Additional
23 Support for People in Retraining and Education
24 Program, presented separately for teens and adults,
25 including, but not limited to:

26 1. The number of registrants and participants,
27 both voluntary and mandatory;

28 2. The average wage and medical benefit status
29 upon job placement;

30 3. The average wage and medical benefit status 12
31 months after job placement;

32 4. The number of participants placed in full-time
33 employment and part-time employment;

34 5. The number of individuals whose medical
35 assistance benefits are fully paid, partially paid or

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1 not paid at all;

2 6. The numbers and percentages of individuals who
3 receive the following services: Remedial education,
4 General Education Degree preparation, on-the-job
5 training, skills training and post-secondary education
6 in both 2-year and 4-year programs. These numbers and
7 percentages shall be reported separately for programs
8 in the colocated and contract areas;

9 7. The degree of client satisfaction, reported
10 separately for the colocated and contract areas;

11 8. Number of direct service staff leaving the
12 agency in colocated and contracted areas;

13 9. Percentage of registrants sanctioned resulting
14 in the loss of benefits, reported separately for
15 programs in the colocated and contract areas;

16 10. Placements by occupational title, as defined
17 by the United States Department of Labor, Dictionary
18 of Occupational Titles, reported separately for
19 programs in colocated and contract areas;

20 11. Description of the service providers under
21 the Additional Support for People in Retraining and
22 Education Program;

23 12. Number of people not completing the
24 Additional Support for People in Retraining and
25 Education Program and an analysis of the reasons for
26 noncompletion;

27 13. The educational attainment of each
28 participant while participating in the Additional
29 Support for People in Retraining and Education
30 Program; and

31 14. Description of the experience of the Resource
32 Recovery Unit, formerly Fraud Unit, and the Child
33 Support Enforcement Unit, paying particular attention
34 to the cost-effectiveness of the additional staff.'

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1 Statement of Fact

2 This amendment makes the following changes to the
3 ASPIRE legislation:

4 1. Further defines the provisions concerning
5 serving volunteers, first, under the aspect of the
6 program requiring mandatory participation by
7 registrants with children younger than age 6;

8 2. Deletes the limitation on the first-time
9 pregnancy program by removing the authorization for a
10 waiver limiting the program to teens;

11 3. Deletes the specific reference to the
12 baby-sitting requirements for child care health and
13 safety standards and substitutes standards determined
14 "by state law;"

15 4. Amends the "good cause" provision to conform
16 more closely to the proposed department regulations;
17 and

18 5. Refines the language in the reporting
19 requirements of section 9 of the amendment.

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