

HOUSE BILL No. 1410

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-8-12-8.

Synopsis: Mandatory job search for TANF eligibility. Requires the secretary of family and social services (secretary) to adopt rules concerning evidence of job search activities for applicants and recipients under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Requires the secretary to amend two provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code to conform with those rules. Specifies certain exceptions.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-8-12-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8. (a) This section does not apply to an**
4 **individual who is:**
5 (1) **less than eighteen (18) years of age;**
6 (2) **more than sixty-four (64) years of age;**
7 (3) **medically certified as:**
8 (A) **physically; or**
9 (B) **mentally;**
10 **unfit for employment;**
11 (4) **pregnant;**
12 (5) **a parent or caretaker who personally provides care for a**
13 **dependent child who has a:**
14 (A) **serious medical condition; or**
15 (B) **disability;**
16 **as determined by the secretary;**
17 (6) **receiving unemployment compensation and complying**



1 with work requirements under IC 22-4; or
 2 (7) participating in a treatment and rehabilitation program
 3 for a drug or alcohol addiction.

4 (b) The secretary shall adopt rules under this section that
 5 require, at a minimum, the following:

6 (1) At the time of application, an applicant for TANF
 7 assistance must, as a condition of eligibility, provide evidence
 8 of job search activities for the three (3) weeks preceding the
 9 application. The evidence of job search activities must
 10 include, at a minimum:

11 (A) six (6) contacts with employers; and

12 (B) three (3) submitted job applications or resumes;
 13 for each of the three (3) weeks preceding the application.

14 (2) An individual whose application for TANF assistance is
 15 approved or who receives TANF assistance, whichever comes
 16 first, must:

17 (A) as a condition of continued eligibility for TANF
 18 assistance, provide evidence of, at a minimum:

19 (i) six (6) contacts with employers; and

20 (ii) three (3) submitted job applications or resumes;

21 for each of the six (6) weeks following the approval of the
 22 application or the receipt of TANF assistance, whichever
 23 comes first; and

24 (B) participate in weekly compliance check-ins, either in
 25 person or by telephone.

26 If a person fails to actively participate in the requirement
 27 described in subdivision (2)(B), the person is ineligible to
 28 receive TANF assistance for thirty (30) days.

29 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The secretary
 30 of family and social services shall amend 470 IAC 10.3-8-3 and 470
 31 IAC 10.3-10 to conform to IC 12-8-12-8, as added by this act.

32 (b) In amending the rules as required by this SECTION, the
 33 secretary of family and social services may adopt emergency rules
 34 in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1.

35 (c) Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule
 36 adopted by the secretary of family and social services under this
 37 SECTION expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the
 38 emergency rule is adopted by the secretary of family and social
 39 services under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

40 (d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2024.

41 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

