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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1856**  
**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to public assistance benefits.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be  
2 known as sections 208.185 and 208.248, to read as follows:

- 3 **208.185. 1. Beginning January 1, 2019, MO HealthNet participants ages nineteen**  
4 **to sixty-four shall comply with the work and community engagement requirements under**  
5 **this section in order to remain eligible for MO HealthNet benefits, unless such participant**  
6 **is otherwise exempt from such requirements. Work and community engagement**  
7 **requirements shall include at least eighty hours each month of the following:**  
8 **(1) Unsubsidized or subsidized private or public sector employment;**  
9 **(2) Education, including vocational educational training, job skills training directly**  
10 **related to employment, education directly related to employment for individuals who have**  
11 **not received a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency, or satisfactory**  
12 **attendance at a secondary school;**  
13 **(3) Community service;**  
14 **(4) Job search and job readiness assistance;**  
15 **(5) Provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a**  
16 **community service program;**  
17 **(6) Satisfaction of work requirements for participants of temporary assistance for**  
18 **needy families or the supplemental nutrition assistance program who are also MO**  
**HealthNet participants; or**  
**(7) Any combination thereof.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19           **2. The work and community engagement requirements under this section shall not**  
20 **apply to a participant who is:**

21           **(1) Under the age of nineteen or over the age of sixty-four;**

22           **(2) Medically frail, including individuals:**

23           **(a) With disabling mental disorders;**

24           **(b) With chronic substance abuse disorders;**

25           **(c) With serious and complex medical conditions;**

26           **(d) With a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly**  
27 **impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living; or**

28           **(e) With a disability determination based on criteria under the Social Security Act,**  
29 **including a current determination by the department of social services that he or she is**  
30 **permanently or totally disabled;**

31           **(3) Pregnant or caring for a child under the age of one or otherwise a recipient of**  
32 **MO HealthNet services under section 208.662;**

33           **(4) A primary caregiver of a dependent child or adult; provided that, not more than**  
34 **one participant may claim primary caregiver status in a household; or**

35           **(5) A participant who is also a participant of temporary assistance for needy**  
36 **families or the supplemental nutrition assistance program and who is exempt from the**  
37 **work requirements of either of those programs.**

38           **3. In order that work and community engagement requirements shall not be**  
39 **impossible or unduly burdensome for participants, the department may permit further**  
40 **exemptions from the work and community engagement requirements under this section**  
41 **in areas of high unemployment, limited economic or educational opportunities, lack of**  
42 **public transportation, or for good cause. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to,**  
43 **the following circumstances:**

44           **(1) The participant has a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities**  
45 **Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection**  
46 **and Affordable Care Act and is unable to meet the work and community engagement**  
47 **requirements for reasons related to that disability;**

48           **(2) The participant has an immediate family member in the home with a disability**  
49 **as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of**  
50 **1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the**  
51 **participant is unable to meet the work and community engagement requirements for**  
52 **reasons related to the disability of such family member;**

53           **(3) The participant or an immediate family member in the home experiences a**  
54 **hospitalization or serious illness;**

55 (4) The participant experiences the birth or death of a family member in the home;

56 (5) The participant experiences severe inclement weather, including a natural  
57 disaster, and is unable to meet the work and community engagement requirements; and

58 (6) The participant experiences a family emergency or other life-changing event,  
59 including divorce or domestic violence.

60 4. The department shall provide reasonable accommodations for participants with  
61 disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the  
62 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
63 Act, as necessary, to enable such participants an equal opportunity to participate in and  
64 benefit from the work and community engagement requirements under this section.  
65 Reasonable accommodations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

66 (1) Exemption from the work and community engagement requirements when the  
67 participant is unable to comply for reasons relating to his or her disability;

68 (2) Modification in the number of hours of work and community engagement  
69 required when a participant is unable to comply with the required number of hours; and

70 (3) Provision of support services necessary for compliance, when compliance is  
71 possible with such supports.

72 5. The department may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the  
73 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
74 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
75 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
76 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of  
77 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
78 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
79 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
80 after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.

81 6. The department shall seek all appropriate waivers and state plan amendments  
82 from the federal Department of Health and Human Services necessary to implement the  
83 provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall not be implemented unless  
84 such waivers and state plan amendments are approved.

208.248. 1. Pursuant to the option granted to the state by 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(n)  
2 and 7 CFR 273.11(q), as amended, an individual shall not be eligible to participate in the  
3 supplemental nutrition assistance program as a member of any household during any  
4 month that the individual is delinquent in any payment due under a court order for the  
5 support of a child of the individual.

6 2. The provisions of this section shall not apply if:

7           **(1) A court has allowed the individual to delay payment;**

8           **(2) The individual is complying with a payment plan approved by a court or the**  
9 **agency that has been designated by the state to administer programs under Title IV-D of**  
10 **the Social Security Act to provide support for the child of the individual; or**

11           **(3) The department of social services determines the individual has good cause for**  
12 **non-support.**

13           **3. A disqualification under this section shall only apply to the individual who is**  
14 **delinquent in payment and not to the entire household.**

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