

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 561 By: Haste of the Senate
3 and
4 McCall of the House
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7 An Act relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy
8 Families (TANF) program; amending 56 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 230.52, which relates to minimum mandatory
10 requirements; modifying terminology; modifying
11 certain screening procedures; requiring TANF
employability plan to include substance abuse
treatment for certain recipients; removing provisions
relating to certain denials; deleting obsolete
reference; updating statutory language; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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15 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthors: Sims and Boles

16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
and insert:

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19 "An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
20 Section 18-114.14, which relates to minimum salary
and benefits; modifying minimum salary schedule;
21 clarifying applicability; declaring legislative
intent; providing for conditional enactment;
22 providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 18-114.14,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 18-114.14 A. Beginning with the ~~2018-2019~~ 2023-2024
4 school year, certified personnel, as defined in Section 26-103 of
5 this title, in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in
6 salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in
7 the following schedule:

8 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

9 National

10 Years of	Bachelor's	Board	Master's	Doctor's
11 Experience	Degree	Certification	Degree	Degree
12 0	\$36,601	\$37,759	\$37,991	\$39,381
	<u>\$38,601</u>	<u>\$39,759</u>	<u>\$39,991</u>	<u>\$41,381</u>
14 1	\$37,035	\$38,193	\$38,425	\$39,815
	<u>\$39,035</u>	<u>\$40,193</u>	<u>\$40,425</u>	<u>\$41,815</u>
16 2	\$37,469	\$38,628	\$38,859	\$40,249
	<u>\$39,469</u>	<u>\$40,628</u>	<u>\$40,859</u>	<u>\$42,249</u>
18 3	\$37,904	\$39,062	\$39,294	\$40,684
	<u>\$39,904</u>	<u>\$41,062</u>	<u>\$41,294</u>	<u>\$42,684</u>
20 4	\$38,338	\$39,496	\$39,728	\$41,118
	<u>\$40,338</u>	<u>\$41,496</u>	<u>\$41,728</u>	<u>\$43,118</u>
22 5	\$38,810	\$39,968	\$40,200	\$41,590
	<u>\$41,810</u>	<u>\$42,968</u>	<u>\$43,200</u>	<u>\$44,590</u>
24 6	\$39,273	\$40,432	\$40,663	\$42,054

1		<u>\$42,273</u>	<u>\$43,432</u>	<u>\$43,663</u>	<u>\$45,054</u>
2	7	\$39,737	\$40,895	\$41,127	\$42,517
3		<u>\$42,737</u>	<u>\$43,895</u>	<u>\$44,127</u>	<u>\$45,517</u>
4	8	\$40,200	\$41,358	\$41,590	\$42,980
5		<u>\$43,200</u>	<u>\$44,358</u>	<u>\$44,590</u>	<u>\$45,980</u>
6	9	\$40,663	\$41,822	\$42,054	\$43,444
7		<u>\$43,663</u>	<u>\$44,822</u>	<u>\$45,054</u>	<u>\$46,444</u>
8	10	\$41,684	\$42,844	\$43,568	\$45,945
9		<u>\$45,684</u>	<u>\$46,844</u>	<u>\$47,568</u>	<u>\$49,945</u>
10	11	\$42,177	\$43,336	\$44,061	\$46,438
11		<u>\$46,177</u>	<u>\$47,336</u>	<u>\$48,061</u>	<u>\$50,438</u>
12	12	\$42,670	\$43,829	\$44,554	\$46,931
13		<u>\$46,670</u>	<u>\$47,829</u>	<u>\$48,554</u>	<u>\$50,931</u>
14	13	\$43,162	\$44,322	\$45,047	\$47,424
15		<u>\$47,162</u>	<u>\$48,322</u>	<u>\$49,047</u>	<u>\$51,424</u>
16	14	\$43,655	\$44,815	\$45,539	\$47,916
17		<u>\$47,655</u>	<u>\$48,815</u>	<u>\$49,539</u>	<u>\$51,916</u>
18	15	\$44,167	\$45,327	\$46,052	\$48,430
19		<u>\$49,167</u>	<u>\$50,327</u>	<u>\$51,052</u>	<u>\$53,430</u>
20	16	\$44,660	\$45,820	\$46,545	\$48,923
21		<u>\$49,660</u>	<u>\$50,820</u>	<u>\$51,545</u>	<u>\$53,923</u>
22	17	\$45,153	\$46,313	\$47,038	\$49,416
23		<u>\$50,153</u>	<u>\$51,313</u>	<u>\$52,038</u>	<u>\$54,416</u>
24	18	\$45,646	\$46,806	\$47,531	\$49,909

1		<u>\$50,646</u>	<u>\$51,806</u>	<u>\$52,531</u>	<u>\$54,909</u>
2	19	\$46,139	\$47,299	\$48,024	\$50,402
3		<u>\$51,139</u>	<u>\$52,299</u>	<u>\$53,024</u>	<u>\$55,402</u>
4	20	\$46,652	\$47,813	\$48,538	\$50,917
5		<u>\$51,652</u>	<u>\$52,813</u>	<u>\$53,538</u>	<u>\$55,917</u>
6	21	\$47,145	\$48,306	\$49,031	\$51,410
7		<u>\$52,145</u>	<u>\$53,306</u>	<u>\$54,031</u>	<u>\$56,410</u>
8	22	\$47,639	\$48,799	\$49,524	\$51,903
9		<u>\$52,639</u>	<u>\$53,799</u>	<u>\$54,524</u>	<u>\$56,903</u>
10	23	\$48,132	\$49,292	\$50,018	\$52,397
11		<u>\$53,132</u>	<u>\$54,292</u>	<u>\$55,018</u>	<u>\$57,397</u>
12	24	\$48,625	\$49,785	\$50,511	\$52,890
13		<u>\$53,625</u>	<u>\$54,785</u>	<u>\$55,511</u>	<u>\$57,890</u>
14	25	\$50,049	\$51,232	\$51,971	\$54,395
15		<u>\$55,049</u>	<u>\$56,232</u>	<u>\$56,971</u>	<u>\$59,395</u>
16		Master's Degree +			
17	Years of	National Board			
18	Experience	Certification			
19	0	\$39,149			
20		<u>\$41,149</u>			
21	1	\$39,583			
22		<u>\$41,583</u>			
23	2	\$40,018			
24		<u>\$42,018</u>			

1	3	\$40,452
2		<u>\$42,452</u>
3	4	\$40,886
4		<u>\$42,886</u>
5	5	\$41,358
6		<u>\$44,358</u>
7	6	\$41,822
8		<u>\$44,822</u>
9	7	\$42,285
10		<u>\$45,285</u>
11	8	\$42,749
12		<u>\$45,749</u>
13	9	\$43,212
14		<u>\$46,212</u>
15	10	\$44,728
16		<u>\$48,728</u>
17	11	\$45,221
18		<u>\$49,221</u>
19	12	\$45,713
20		<u>\$49,713</u>
21	13	\$46,206
22		<u>\$50,206</u>
23	14	\$46,699
24		<u>\$50,699</u>

1	15	\$47,212
2		<u>\$52,212</u>
3	16	\$47,705
4		<u>\$52,705</u>
5	17	\$48,198
6		<u>\$53,198</u>
7	18	\$48,691
8		<u>\$53,691</u>
9	19	\$49,184
10		<u>\$54,184</u>
11	20	\$49,698
12		<u>\$54,698</u>
13	21	\$50,192
14		<u>\$55,192</u>
15	22	\$50,685
16		<u>\$55,685</u>
17	23	\$51,178
18		<u>\$56,178</u>
19	24	\$51,671
20		<u>\$56,671</u>
21	25	\$53,153
22		<u>\$58,153</u>

23 B. 1. When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe
24 benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding

1 the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1
2 of this title and the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to Section
3 26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit allowance funds
4 disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board of
5 Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of this
6 title.

7 2. If a school district intends to provide retirement benefits
8 to a teacher such that the teacher's salary would be less than the
9 amounts set forth in the minimum salary schedule specified in
10 subsection A of this section, the district shall be required to
11 provide written notification to the teacher prior to his or her
12 employment or, if already employed by the district, no later than
13 thirty (30) days prior to the date the district elects to provide
14 retirement benefits such that the teacher's salary would be less
15 than the minimum salary schedule.

16 C. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from
17 a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The Board
18 shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts
19 that are accredited by the state board of education or appropriate
20 state accrediting agency for the districts. The Board shall accept
21 teaching experience from out-of-country schools that are accredited
22 or otherwise endorsed by the appropriate national or regional
23 accrediting or endorsement authority. Out-of-country certification
24 documentation in a language other than English shall be analyzed by

1 an educational credential evaluation service in accordance with
2 industry standards and guidelines and approved by the State
3 Department of Education. The person seeking to have credit granted
4 for out-of-country teaching experience shall be responsible for all
5 costs of the analysis by a credential evaluation service. The Board
6 shall accept teaching experience from primary and secondary schools
7 that are operated by the United States Department of Defense or are
8 affiliated with the United States Department of State.

9 D. For the purpose of state salary increments and retirement,
10 no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of
11 active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-
12 country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its
13 equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of
14 education from crediting more years of experience on district salary
15 schedules than those allowed for state purposes.

16 E. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes
17 of certification and salary increments, all the years of experience
18 of a:

19 1. Certified teacher who teaches in the educational program of
20 the Department of Corrections, beginning with fiscal year 1981;

21 2. Vocational rehabilitation counselor under the Department of
22 Human Services if the counselor was employed as a certified teacher
23 by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational
24 Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and

1 Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma
2 Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968;

3 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed
4 while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor
5 was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a
6 teacher in Oklahoma;

7 4. Certified teacher which were completed while employed by the
8 Child Study Center located at University Hospital, if the teacher
9 was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

10 5. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist which were
11 completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological
12 assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma
13 if the experience primarily involved work with persons of school- or
14 preschool-age and if the person was, at the time the experience was
15 acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school
16 psychologist or psychometrist.

17 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers
18 who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school
19 in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

20 G. If a person employed as certified personnel, as defined in
21 Section 26-103 of this title, by a school district during the ~~2017-~~
22 ~~2018~~ 2022-2023 school year was receiving a salary above the step
23 level indicated by the State Minimum Salary Schedule for the ~~2017-~~
24 ~~2018~~ 2022-2023 school year, the person shall receive a salary

1 increase ~~amount equal to the amount indicated~~ provided for in
2 subsection A of this section for the step level indicated for the
3 person including the full amount of increase assigned to the step
4 pursuant to the provisions of this act, provided ~~they remain~~ the
5 person remains employed by the same district, unless the hours or
6 the duties of the certified personnel are reduced proportionately.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
8 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

9 It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding through
10 the appropriations process to fund comparable salary increases to
11 teachers employed by the following state agencies: State Board of
12 Career and Technology Education, State Department of Rehabilitative
13 Services, State Department of Corrections, and the Office of
14 Juvenile Affairs.

15 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 The provisions of this act shall not become effective as law
18 unless both Enrolled House Bill No. 1935 of the 1st Session of the
19 59th Oklahoma Legislature and Enrolled House Bill No. 2775 of the
20 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature become enacted as law.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

22 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 561

By: Haste of the Senate
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7 Families (TANF) program; amending 56 O.S. 2021,
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10 certain screening procedures; requiring TANF
11 employability plan to include substance abuse
12 treatment for certain recipients; removing provisions
13 relating to certain denials; deleting obsolete
14 reference; updating statutory language; providing an
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2021, Section 230.52, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 230.52. A. Except for specific exceptions, conditions
20 or restrictions authorized by the Statewide Temporary Assistance
21 Responsibility System (STARS) and rules promulgated by the
22 ~~Commission for~~ Director of the Department of Human Services pursuant
23 thereto, the following are the minimum mandatory requirements for
24 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program:

1. A recipient shall be eligible to receive assistance pursuant
to the TANF program only for a lifetime total of five (5) years,

1 subject to the exemptions allowed by federal law. Child-only cases
2 are not subject to the five-year limitation;

3 2. Single parents receiving temporary assistance pursuant to
4 the TANF program shall participate in work activities for a minimum
5 of twenty (20) hours per week during the month. Two-parent families
6 receiving temporary assistance pursuant to the TANF program shall
7 participate in work activities for a minimum of thirty-five (35)
8 hours per week during the month;

9 3. A recipient must be engaged in one or more of the work
10 activities set out in paragraph 4 of this subsection as soon as
11 required by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the TANF
12 program, but not later than twenty-four (24) months after
13 certification of the application for assistance, unless the person
14 is exempt from work requirements under rules promulgated by the
15 ~~Commission~~ Director pursuant to the STARS;

16 4. The Department shall develop and describe categories of
17 approved work activities for the TANF program recipients in
18 accordance with this paragraph. Work activities that qualify in
19 meeting the requirements include, but are not limited to:

- 20 a. (1) unsubsidized employment which is full-time
21 employment or part-time employment that is not
22 directly supplemented by federal or state funds,
23 (2) subsidized private sector employment which is
24 employment in a private for-profit enterprise or

1 a private not-for-profit enterprise that is
2 directly supplemented by federal or state funds.
3 Prior to receiving any subsidy or incentive, the
4 employer shall enter into a written contract with
5 the Department, and

6 (3) subsidized public sector employment which is
7 employment by an agency of a federal, state, or
8 local governmental entity which is directly
9 supplemented by federal or state funds. Prior to
10 receiving any subsidy or incentive, the employer
11 shall enter into a written contract with the
12 Department.

13 Subsidized hourly employment or unsubsidized hourly
14 employment pursuant to this subparagraph shall only be
15 approved by the Department as work activity if such
16 employment is subject to:

- 17 (a) the federal minimum wage requirements
18 pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of
19 1938, as amended,
- 20 (b) the federal Social Security tax and Medicare
21 tax, and
- 22 (c) regulations promulgated pursuant to the
23 federal Occupational Safety and Health Act
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1 of 1970 and rules promulgated by the ~~State~~
2 Department of Labor pursuant thereto,

- 3 b. a program of work experience,
- 4 c. on-the-job training,
- 5 d. assisted job search which may include supervised or
6 unsupervised job-seeking activities,
- 7 e. job readiness assistance which may include, but is not
8 limited to:
 - 9 (1) orientation in the work environment and basic
10 job-seeking and job retention skills,
 - 11 (2) instruction in completing an application for
12 employment and writing a resume, ~~and~~
 - 13 (3) instruction in conducting oneself during a job
14 interview, including appropriate dress, and
 - 15 (4) substance abuse treatment and mental health
16 counseling,
- 17 f. job skills training which is directly related to
18 employment in a specific occupation for which there is
19 a written commitment by an employer to offer
20 employment to a recipient who successfully completes
21 the training. Job skills training includes, but is
22 not limited to, customized training designed to meet
23 the needs of a specific employer or a specific
24 industry,

- 1 g. community service programs which are job-training
2 activities provided in areas where sufficient public
3 or private sector employment is not available. Such
4 activities are linked to both education or training
5 and activities that substantially enhance a
6 recipient's employability,
- 7 h. literacy and adult basic education programs,
- 8 i. vocational-educational programs, not to exceed twelve
9 (12) months for any individual, which are directed
10 toward vocational-educational training and education
11 directly related to employment,
- 12 j. education programs which are directly related to
13 specific employment opportunities, if a recipient has
14 not received a high school diploma or ~~General~~
15 ~~Equivalency Degree~~ General Educational Development
16 certificate, and
- 17 k. child care for other STARS recipients. The recipient
18 must meet training and licensing requirements for
19 child care providers as required by the Oklahoma Child
20 Care Facilities Licensing Act;

21 5. Single, custodial parents with a child up to one (1) year of
22 age may be exempt from work activities for a lifetime total
23 exemption of twelve (12) months;

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1 6. In order to receive assistance, unmarried teen parents of a
2 minor child at least twelve (12) weeks of age must participate in
3 educational activities or work activities approved by the state;

4 7. For single-parent families, except for teen parents,
5 educational activities, other than vocational-technical training, do
6 not count toward meeting the required twenty (20) hours of work
7 activity. For two-parent families, educational activities, except
8 vocational-technical training, do not count toward meeting the
9 required thirty-five (35) hours of work activity;

10 8. A teen parent must live at home or in an approved, adult-
11 supervised setting as specified in Section 230.55 of this title to
12 receive TANF assistance;

13 9. A recipient must comply with immunization requirements
14 established pursuant to the TANF program;

15 10. ~~A recipient shall be subject to the increment in benefits~~
16 ~~for additional children established by Section 230.58 of this title;~~

17 ~~11.~~ The following recipient resources are exempt from resource
18 determination criteria:

19 a. an automobile with an equity allowance ~~of~~ not more
20 than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) pursuant to
21 Section 230.53 of this title,

22 b. individual development accounts established pursuant
23 to the Family Savings Initiative Act, or individual
24 development accounts established prior to November 1,

1 1998, pursuant to the provisions of Section 230.54 of
2 this title in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand
3 Dollars (\$2,000.00),

4 c. the equity value of funeral arrangements owned by a
5 recipient that does not exceed the limitation
6 specified by Section 165 of this title, and

7 d. earned income disregards not to exceed One Hundred
8 Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) and one-half (1/2) of the
9 remainder of the earned income;

10 ~~12.~~ 11. An applicant who applies and is otherwise eligible to
11 receive TANF benefits but who has resided in this state less than
12 twelve (12) months shall be subject to Section 230.57 of this title;

13 ~~13.~~ 12. The recipient shall enter into a personal
14 responsibility agreement with the Department for receipt of
15 assistance pursuant to Section 230.65 of this title;

16 ~~14.~~ 13. The Department shall, beginning ~~November 1, 2012~~ on the
17 effective date of this act, screen all ~~adult applicants for~~ TANF
18 recipients as part of the required TANF employability plan to
19 determine if they are engaged in the illegal use of a controlled
20 substance or substances. If the Department has made a determination
21 that the ~~applicant~~ recipient is engaged in the illegal use of a
22 controlled substance or substances, the ~~applicant's request for TANF~~
23 ~~cash benefits shall be denied.~~ ~~The Commission for Human Services~~
24 recipient's TANF employability plan shall include substance abuse

1 treatment and, if appropriate, mental health counseling, as part of
2 the assigned work activities required by paragraph 4 of this
3 subsection. The Director shall adopt rules to implement the
4 requirements of this paragraph consistent with the following:

- 5 a. the Department shall create a controlled substance
6 screening process to be administered ~~at the time of~~
7 ~~application~~ during the assessment process that
8 determines the TANF employability plan. The process
9 shall, at a minimum, include a Substance Abuse Subtle
10 Screening Inventory (SASSI) or other similar screening
11 methods. If necessary to establish a reasonable
12 expectation of certainty, the Department is authorized
13 to use further screening methods, which may include,
14 but are not limited to, a clinical interview, and
15 consideration of the Department's history with the
16 applicant, ~~and an Addictions Severity Index (ASI).~~ If
17 the Department has reasonable cause to believe that
18 the ~~applicant~~ recipient is engaged in the illegal use
19 of a controlled substance or substances, the
20 Department is authorized, though not required, to
21 request administration of a chemical drug test, ~~such~~
22 ~~as urinalysis.~~ The cost of all such initial
23 screenings shall not be borne by the ~~applicant~~
24 recipient, and

1 b. if at any time during the controlled substance
2 screening process, the ~~applicant~~ recipient refuses to
3 participate without good cause, that refusal shall
4 lead to a ~~denial~~ closure of TANF benefits,

5 ~~e. if the Department, as the result of a controlled~~
6 ~~substance screening process, has determined that the~~
7 ~~applicant is engaged in the illegal use of a~~
8 ~~controlled substance or substances, the applicant's~~
9 ~~request for TANF cash benefits shall be denied,~~
10 ~~subject to the following:~~

11 ~~(1) if there has not already been a chemical drug~~
12 ~~test administered as part of the controlled~~
13 ~~substance screening process, the applicant may~~
14 ~~submit proof of a negative chemical drug test~~
15 ~~from a state certified laboratory to challenge~~
16 ~~the Department's finding that the applicant is~~
17 ~~engaged in the illegal use of a controlled~~
18 ~~substance or substances. Proof of the chemical~~
19 ~~drug test must be submitted to the Department no~~
20 ~~later than the tenth calendar day following~~
21 ~~denial. If denial is communicated by mail, the~~
22 ~~ten (10) day window begins on the day after the~~
23 ~~date of mailing of the denial notice to the~~
24 ~~applicant's last known address. The denial~~

1 ~~notice is considered to be mailed on the date~~
2 ~~that appears on the notice, unless otherwise~~
3 ~~indicated by the facts,~~

4 ~~(2) if denied due to the provisions of this~~
5 ~~subparagraph, an applicant shall not be approved~~
6 ~~until one (1) year has passed since the date of~~
7 ~~denial,~~

8 ~~(a) if the applicant is denied due to the~~
9 ~~provisions of this paragraph, the Department~~
10 ~~shall provide a list of substance abuse~~
11 ~~treatment programs to the denied applicant,~~

12 ~~(b) if an applicant has successfully complied~~
13 ~~with a recommended substance abuse treatment~~
14 ~~program after the date of denial, the~~
15 ~~applicant may be approved for cash benefits~~
16 ~~after six (6) months have passed since the~~
17 ~~date of denial, rather than the required one~~
18 ~~(1) year, and~~

19 ~~(3) if an applicant has been denied TANF cash~~
20 ~~benefits two times due to the provisions of this~~
21 ~~subparagraph, the applicant shall be ineligible~~
22 ~~for TANF benefits for a period of three (3) years~~
23 ~~from the date of the second denial,~~

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1 ~~d. child only cases and minor parents under eighteen (18)~~
2 ~~years of age are not subject to the provisions of this~~
3 ~~paragraph, and~~

4 ~~e. in cases where the application for TANF benefits is~~
5 ~~not for child only benefits, but there is not a parent~~
6 ~~who has been deemed eligible for cash benefits under~~
7 ~~the provisions of this paragraph, any cash benefits~~
8 ~~for which the dependent children of the family are~~
9 ~~still eligible shall not be affected and may be~~
10 ~~received and administered by an appropriate third~~
11 ~~party approved by the Department for the benefit of~~
12 ~~the members of the household;~~

13 ~~15.~~ 14. a. As a condition of participating in the STARS, all
14 recipients are deemed to have given authorization for
15 the release of any and all information necessary to
16 allow all state and federal agencies to meet the
17 program needs of the recipient.

18 b. The recipient shall be provided a release form to sign
19 in order to obtain the required information. Failure
20 to sign the release form may result in case closure;
21 and

22 ~~16.~~ 15. The recipient shall comply with all other conditions
23 and requirements of the STARS, and rules ~~of the Commission~~
24 promulgated pursuant thereto.

1 B. 1. Agencies of this state involved in providing services to
2 recipients pursuant to the STARS shall exchange information as
3 necessary for each agency to accomplish objectives and fulfill
4 obligations created or imposed by the STARS and rules promulgated
5 pursuant thereto.

6 2. Information received pursuant to the STARS shall be
7 maintained by the applicable agency and, except as otherwise
8 provided by this subsection, shall be disclosed only in accordance
9 with any confidentiality provisions applicable to the agency
10 originating the information.

11 3. The various agencies of the state shall execute operating
12 agreements to facilitate information exchanges pursuant to the
13 STARS.

14 C. In implementing the TANF program, the Department shall:

15 1. Provide assistance to aliens pursuant to Section 230.73 of
16 this title;

17 2. Provide for the closure of the TANF case when the adult
18 recipient refuses to cooperate with agreed upon work activities or
19 other case requirements pursuant to the TANF program;

20 3. Provide for the sanctioning of parents who do not require
21 their minor children to attend school; and

22 4. Deny temporary assistance to fugitive felons.

23 D. In order to ensure that the needy citizens of this state are
24 receiving necessary benefits, the Department shall maintain a

1 listing of all recipients receiving public assistance. The listing
2 shall reflect each recipient's income, social security number, and
3 the programs in which the recipient is participating including, but
4 not limited to, TANF, food stamps, child care, and medical
5 assistance.

6 E. The Department is hereby authorized to establish a grant
7 diversion program and emergency assistance services.

8 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

9 SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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17 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

18 2023.

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