

2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 205

Introduced by: Senator Reed

An Act to direct the Department of Social Services to modify administrative rules related to work requirements for the child care assistance program.

- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 **Section 1.** The Department of Social Services shall amend § 67:47:01:03.01 of the
- 5 Administrative Rules of South Dakota, as provided in this section. The rule amendments must
- 6 be made pursuant to chapter 1-26 and filed with the secretary of state no later than
- 7 September 30, 2024.

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Exceptions. If a recipient is eighteen years of age or older and employed, the recipient shall must be employed for a minimum of 80 eighty hours a per month and must receive a salary—which that is equivalent to the hourly federal minimum wage. If the recipient is under eighteen years of age or is homeless, the recipient must be employed for a minimum of forty hours per month and must receive a salary that is equivalent to the hourly federal minimum wage.

If in school, the recipient-shall must attend-80 eighty school hours a per month. If the recipient is working and attending school, the combination of actual work and school hours shall must be a minimum of 80 eighty hours a per month, and the recipient must receive a salary that is equivalent to the hourly federal minimum wage. In determining whether a recipient has met the school hour requirement, the department shall count the actual hours spent in class, work study, unpaid internships, practice teaching, and clinical work experience.

The <u>A</u> recipient has met the requirements of this section—if <u>by</u> attending a college, university, or technical—institute college for a minimum of—12 twelve semester credit hours. If the household contains both parents, each parent—shall must meet the requirements of this section.

A recipient who is enrolled in and physically attending a program of study or training leading to a GED or a high school diploma is exempt from the requirements of this section.