

SENATE BILL 550

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to the Employment
Opportunities for Parents Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Employment Opportunities for Parents Act."

SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is to increase employment and self-sufficiency among families by assigning to workfare programs, as authorized by federal law, able-bodied parents who have school-aged children and receive food assistance.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall assign to a workfare program established under 7 U.S.C. § 2029 any person who is subject to the requirements of 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(1) and who:

(1) Is not subject to the requirements established in 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o);

and

(2) Does not participate in an employment and training program established under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(d)(4).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.