

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 842

Introduced by Larson, 40, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-1721, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 68-1721 (1) Under the self-sufficiency contract developed
6 under section 68-1719, the principal wage earner and other
7 nonexempt members of the applicant family shall be required to
8 participate in one or more of the following approved activities,
9 including, but not limited to, education, job skills training, work
10 experience, job search, or employment.

11 (2) Education shall consist of the general education
12 development program, high school, Adult Basic Education, English
13 as a Second Language, postsecondary education, or other education
14 programs approved in the contract.

15 (3) Job skills training shall include vocational
16 training in technical job skills and equivalent knowledge.
17 Activities shall consist of formalized, technical job skills
18 training, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, or training in the
19 operation of a microbusiness enterprise. The types of training,
20 apprenticeships, or training positions may include, but need not be
21 limited to, the ability to provide services such as home repairs,
22 automobile repairs, respite care, foster care, personal care, and
23 child care. Job skills training shall be prioritized and approved

1 for occupations that facilitate economic self-sufficiency.

2 (4) The purpose of work experience shall be to improve
3 the employability of applicants by providing work experience and
4 training to assist them to move promptly into regular public or
5 private employment. Work experience shall mean unpaid work in a
6 public, private, for-profit, or nonprofit business or organization.
7 Work experience placements shall take into account the individual's
8 prior training, skills, and experience. A placement shall not
9 exceed six months.

10 (5) Job search shall assist adult members of recipient
11 families in finding their own jobs. The emphasis shall be placed on
12 teaching the individual to take responsibility for his or her own
13 job development and placement.

14 (6) Employment shall consist of work for pay. The
15 employment may be full-time or part-time but shall be adequate
16 to help the recipient family reach economic self-sufficiency.

17 (7) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency
18 contract and meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an
19 applicant shall be allowed to engage in vocational training that
20 leads to an associate degree, a diploma, or a certificate for a
21 minimum of twenty hours per week for up to thirty-six months. This
22 subsection terminates on ~~September 30, 2012~~, December 31, 2016.

23 Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
24 collect the following data and information yearly:

25 (1) The total number of participants in the aid to
26 dependent children program described in section 43-512 pursuing an
27 associate degree;

1 (2) Graduation rates of such participants, the number
2 of participants that are making satisfactory progress in their
3 educational pursuits, and the length of time participants
4 participate in education to fulfill their work requirement under
5 the program;

6 (3) The monthly earnings, educational level attained, and
7 employment status of such participants at six months and at twelve
8 months after terminating participation in the aid to dependent
9 children program; and

10 (4) A summary of activities performed by the department
11 to promote postsecondary educational opportunities to participants
12 in the aid to dependent children program.

13 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services
14 shall provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature no
15 later than December 1 each year regarding the data and information
16 collected pursuant to section 2 of this act, including a summary of
17 such data and information.

18 (2) The data and information collected under such section
19 shall be considered a public record under section 84-712.01.

20 Sec. 4. Original section 68-1721, Reissue Revised
21 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

22 2. On page 1, line 1, strike "the Welfare Reform Act"
23 and insert "public assistance"; and in line 4 after the semicolon
24 insert "to require the Department of Health and Human Services to
25 collect certain data regarding aid to dependent children and to
26 provide a report;".