

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240

Approved by the Governor May 8, 2013

Introduced by Harms, 48.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Welfare Reform Act; to amend section 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change provisions relating to self-sufficiency contracts and work activity requirements; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

68-1735.01 (1) For purposes of this section, target work rate means fifty percent less the caseload reduction credit submitted by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the fiscal year.

(2) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract and meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant ~~under twenty-four years of age~~ shall be deemed to have met the work activity requirement in a month if he or she is engaged in education directly related to employment for an average of at least twenty hours per week during such month. Education directly related to employment includes, but is not limited to, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and a general education development program.

(3) No state funds shall be used to carry out this section unless such state funds meet the definition of qualified state expenditures under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i).

(4) If Nebraska's work participation rate under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq., does not exceed the target work rate by ten percentage points in any month, the Department of Health and Human Services may suspend the requirements of subsection (2) of this section until the work participation rate exceeds the target work rate by ten percentage points for three consecutive months.

Sec. 2. Original section 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.