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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 701**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section
- 2 68-1721, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate
- 3 a termination date relating to a self-sufficiency contract; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1721, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 68-1721 (1) Under the self-sufficiency contract developed under  
4 section 68-1719, the principal wage earner and other nonexempt members of  
5 the applicant family shall be required to participate in one or more of  
6 the following approved activities, including, but not limited to,  
7 education, job skills training, work experience, job search, or  
8 employment.

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

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

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

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

1 placement.

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

5 (7) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract and  
6 meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant shall be  
7 allowed to engage in vocational training that leads to an associate  
8 degree, a diploma, or a certificate for a minimum of twenty hours per  
9 week for up to thirty-six months. ~~This subsection terminates on December~~  
10 ~~31, 2016.~~

11 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1721, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
12 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.