

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2526

By: Graves

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; limiting certain benefits to certain families; requiring certain revisions of certain schedule; providing for determination of ineligibility; providing for additional benefits; providing for computation of benefits; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 231.1 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In determining the amount of assistance payments to a recipient family for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the Department of Human Services shall revise the schedule of benefits to be paid to the recipient family by eliminating the increment in benefits under the program for which that family would otherwise be eligible as a result of the birth of a child during the period in which the family is eligible for AFDC benefits, or during a temporary period in which the family or adult recipient is ineligible for AFDC benefits pursuant to a penalty imposed by the Department for failure to comply with benefit eligibility

requirements, subsequent to which the family or adult recipient is again eligible for benefits. The Department shall provide instead that a recipient family in which the adult recipient parents an additional child during a temporary penalty period of ineligibility for benefits, may receive additional benefits only pursuant to subsection B of this section, except in the case of a general increase in the amount of AFDC benefits which is provided to all program recipients.

B. In the case of a family that receives AFDC in which the adult recipient parents an additional child during the period in which the family is eligible for AFDC benefits subsequent to which the family of the adult recipient again becomes eligible for benefits, the Department, subject to federal approval, shall, in addition to eliminating the increase in the benefit as provided in subsection A of this section, provide that in computing the amount of financial assistance that is available to the family that receives AFDC, the monthly earned income disregard for each employed person in the family shall increase by an amount equal to that which the family would have otherwise received by parenting an additional child, adjusted for family size.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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