

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1741

By: Mitchell

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 4, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.4), which relates to work programs; clarifying and updating language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 4, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.4 A. The Department of Human Services, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a waiver granted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, shall implement a demonstration project which provides that a participant in the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program shall only be eligible to receive payments under the ~~Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)~~ Temporary Assistance for Families (TANF) program for a total of thirty-six (36) months out of a sixty-month period. After such time, any participant in the JOBS program who has been

unsuccessful in finding unsubsidized employment shall participate in a workfare program; provided, however, this requirement shall not apply to a recipient participating in the work supplementation program or the work experience program.

B. As used in this section, "workfare" means a community work experience program in which a recipient of benefits under the ~~AFDC~~ TANF program who is eligible for the JOBS program is required to work a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per week in a community service, public works or private sector job in order to receive an ~~AFDC~~ TANF grant, regardless of the size of the grant.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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