

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2097

By: Glover

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 15, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.10), which relates to the Oklahoma Welfare Self Sufficiency Initiative; clarifying and updating language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 15, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.10 A. The Commission for Human Services shall revise the schedule of benefits to be paid to a recipient family under the program of ~~Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)~~ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection, for families receiving benefits pursuant to the ~~AFDC~~ TANF program, the Commission shall provide that the increment in benefits under the program for which that family would otherwise be eligible as a result of the birth of an additional child:

- a. during the period in which the family is eligible for ~~AFDC~~ TANF benefits, or
- b. during a temporary period in which the family or recipient is ineligible for ~~AFDC~~ (TANF) benefits pursuant to a penalty imposed by the Department of Human Services for failure to comply with benefit eligibility requirements, subsequent to which the family or adult recipient is again eligible for benefits,

shall be paid pursuant to a voucher as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection.

2. In the case of a family that receives AFDC benefits if the recipient gives birth to an additional child during the period in which the family is eligible for ~~AFDC~~ (TANF) benefits or during a temporary penalty period of ineligibility for benefits, subsequent to which the family of the adult recipient again becomes eligible for benefits, the Department shall not issue incremental benefits for such additional child to the recipient but shall instead issue a voucher for the amount of the incremental benefit that such recipient would have received for the additional child. The voucher shall be made payable, on behalf of the recipient, for infant and toddler clothing, food, and other articles of necessity for the infant and toddler, in such manner as authorized pursuant to rules of the Commission for Human Services.

3. A minor child of an applicant or of a recipient family who bears one child shall not be subject to the restriction on incremental benefits for one child only.

4. Any child born to an eligible person within ten (10) months of the effective date of this act or within ten (10) months of application for the ~~AFDC~~ (TANF) program shall not be construed to be an additional child pursuant to the provisions of this section and

the recipient family shall not be subject to the restriction on incremental benefits for that child.

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

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