

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; modifying provisions for certain contracted services under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1094

By: Cain

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 13, Chapter 414, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 230.62), which relates to contracts for literacy remediation, work activities, training and other services for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; modifying provisions for payment based on performance outcomes; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 13, Chapter 414, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 230.62), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.62 The Department of Human Services shall, as appropriate, provide literacy remediation, work activities, training, and other services to recipients pursuant to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through contracts. In contracting for literacy remediation, work activities, training, or other services, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

1. A contract shall be performance based. Whenever possible, payment shall be based on performance outcomes that include, but are not limited to, such factors as job entry, job entry at a target wage, and a system of incentives for contractors who provide services designed to ensure job retention by a recipient for a

period of twenty-four (24) months or longer. Payment shall not be based on completion of training, education, or any other phase of the program participation process;

2. A contract may include performance-based incentive payments that may vary according to the extent to which a recipient is more difficult to place. Contract payments may be weighted proportionally to reflect the extent to which a recipient has limitations associated with the long-term receipt of welfare, and difficulty in maintaining employment. The factors may include the extent of a recipient's prior receipt of welfare, lack of employment experience, poor literacy skills, lack of education, lack of job skills, and any other factors determined appropriate by the Department; and

3. The Department is hereby authorized to contract with commercial, charitable, or religious organizations to provide the necessary services pursuant to the TANF program.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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