

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1658

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 2001, Section 230.62, which relates to contracts under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; expanding types of services that may be provided pursuant to a contract; expanding types of providers; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 230.62, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.62 The Department of Human Services shall, as appropriate, provide literacy remediation, English as a second language, work activities, training, and other services to recipients pursuant to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through contracts. In contracting for English as a second language, 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 job retention. 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 or faith-based organizations to provide the necessary services pursuant to the TANF program as provided in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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