

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 554

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 13, Chapter 414, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 2000, 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 Section 13, Chapter 414, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 230.62), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.62 The Department of Human Services shall, as appropriate, provide literacy remediation, adult basic education instruction leading to attainment of a General Equivalency Degree, work activities, training, and other services to recipients pursuant to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through contracts. In contracting for adult basic education instruction, 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, 2001.

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