

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2805

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.
8 2011, Section 230.63, which relates to the Statewide
9 Temporary Assistance Responsibility System;
10 eliminating eligibility of person convicted of felony
11 TANF fraud; providing duration of ineligibility; and
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 230.63, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 230.63 A. 1. If a recipient, without good cause, does
17 not cooperate with the Department of Human Services in approved work
18 activities as required by the Department pursuant to the Temporary
19 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Department shall
20 close the case.

21 2. If a recipient, without good cause, does not cooperate with
22 the Department in administering the child support enforcement
23 program relating to the establishment, modification, or enforcement
24 of a support order, the Department shall reduce benefits to the

1 recipient under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
2 program in an amount to be determined by the Department.

3 B. 1. The Department of Human Services shall establish and
4 operate a fraud control program. The Department shall proceed
5 against any individual member of a family, regardless of payment
6 status under the TANF program, whom it believes to have committed an
7 intentional program violation pursuant to federal law, through an
8 administrative hearing or by referring the matter to the appropriate
9 authorities for civil or criminal action in a state or federal
10 court. If an individual member of a family is convicted of felony
11 fraud associated with the TANF program, that individual shall not be
12 eligible for TANF program benefits or child care subsidies for ten
13 (10) years after conviction and shall not be allowed to be
14 considered a member of a household receiving those benefits during
15 the ten (10) years.

16 2. In proceeding against such an individual, the Department
17 shall coordinate its actions with any corresponding actions being
18 taken under Medicaid fraud programs where the factual issues arise
19 from the same or related circumstances.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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