

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2886

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.
8 2011, Section 230.60, which relates to support
9 eligibility requirements; authorizing Department of
10 Human Services to establish paternity prior to birth;
11 authorizing the assessment of support of certain
12 children prior to birth; effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 230.60, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 230.60 A. Except as otherwise provided in this
17 section, any applicant who makes application with the Department of
18 Human Services for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy
19 Families (TANF) program, in order to be eligible for such
20 assistance, shall provide the name of the person or persons alleged
21 to be legally responsible for the support of a child, and if known,
22 the address and employer of the person or persons alleged to be
23 legally responsible for the support of such child prior to receipt
24 of any such assistance.

1 B. 1. If the specific person or persons legally responsible
2 for the support of the child are unknown, the applicant for the TANF
3 program shall submit with the application a list of names of persons
4 alleged to be responsible for the support of the child to the
5 Department of Human Services.

6 2. If the applicant does not provide the Department with the
7 identity of the person or persons alleged to be legally responsible
8 for the support of the child, the applicant shall be ineligible to
9 continue to receive such assistance unless the Department determines
10 that the applicant or recipient or a child of the applicant or
11 recipient would more likely than not be subject to abuse for
12 identifying the person or persons alleged to be responsible for the
13 support of the child.

14 3. The Commission shall promulgate rules which will standardize
15 the decision process for determining eligibility pursuant to this
16 paragraph.

17 C. The Department shall determine the father for each minor
18 child for whom benefits are received under the TANF program.

19 D. The Department shall require pregnant TANF applicants to
20 receive paternity testing during gestation as soon as possible after
21 conception. The Department shall require the person identified in
22 gestational testing as the father to provide support effective upon
23 the date of application for benefits. The Department shall be
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1 authorized to claim and collect arrearages based upon the results of
2 gestational paternity testing.

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

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