

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE BILL 2826

 By: McEachin

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.
9 2011, Section 230.62, which relates to work
10 activities, training and other services; directing
11 Department of Human Services to explore technological
12 enhancements for work activities and training subject
13 to availability of funds; authorizing creation of an
14 online self-service portal for reporting; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 230.62, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 230.62 A. The Department of Human Services shall, as
20 appropriate, provide literacy remediation, English as a second
21 language, work activities, training, and other services to
22 recipients pursuant to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
23 (TANF) program through contracts. In contracting for English as a
24 second language, work activities, training, or other services, the
25 following terms and conditions shall apply:

1 1. A contract shall be performance based. Whenever possible,
2 payment shall be based on performance outcomes that include, but are
3 not limited to, such factors as job entry, job entry at a target
4 wage, and job retention. Payment shall not be based on completion
5 of training, education, or any other phase of the program
6 participation process;

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

17 3. The Department is hereby authorized to contract with
18 commercial, charitable, religious or faith-based organizations to
19 provide the necessary services pursuant to the TANF program as
20 provided in this section.

21 B. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall
22 explore and recommend technological enhancements and funding
23 necessary to support the work activities, training and other
24 services provided to recipients as described in subsection A of this

1 section. The enhancements may include creation of an online self-
2 service portal allowing recipients to retain responsibility for
3 periodically reporting on their employment, education, training and
4 job activities.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY
8 SERVICES, dated 02/14/2018 - DO PASS.
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