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[ poor persons - work activities, training and other
services - online self-service portal - effective
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

Section 230.62. A. 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

1 wage, and job retention. Payment shall not be based on completion
2 of training, education, or any other phase of the program
3 participation process;

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

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

18 B. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall
19 explore and recommend technological enhancements and funding
20 necessary to support the work activities, training and other
21 services provided to recipients as described in subsection A of this
22 section. The enhancements may include creation of an online self-
23 service portal allowing recipients to retain responsibility for
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1 periodically reporting on their employment, education, training and
2 job activities.

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

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
5 April 11, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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