

AMENDMENTS TO LB1081

Introduced by Mello, 5.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 3. Section 68-1708, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2014, is amended to read:

4 68-1708 Sections 68-1708 to 68-1735.03 ~~68-1735.04~~ shall be known and
5 may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act.

6 Sec. 5. Section 68-1721, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
7 2014, is amended to read:

8 68-1721 (1) Under the self-sufficiency contract developed under
9 section 68-1719, the principal wage earner and other nonexempt members of
10 the applicant family shall be required to participate in one or more of
11 the following approved activities, including, but not limited to,
12 education, job skills training, work experience, job search, or
13 employment.

14 (2) Education shall consist of the general education development
15 program, high school, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second
16 Language, postsecondary education, or other education programs approved
17 in the contract.

18 (3) Job skills training shall include vocational training in
19 technical job skills and equivalent knowledge. Activities shall consist
20 of formalized, technical job skills training, apprenticeships, on-the-job
21 training, or training in the operation of a microbusiness enterprise. The
22 types of training, apprenticeships, or training positions may include,
23 but need not be limited to, the ability to provide services such as home
24 repairs, automobile repairs, respite care, foster care, personal care,
25 and child care. Job skills training shall be prioritized and approved for
26 occupations that facilitate economic self-sufficiency.

27 (4) The purpose of work experience shall be to improve the

1 employability of applicants by providing work experience and training to
2 assist them to move promptly into regular public or private employment.
3 Work experience shall mean unpaid work in a public, private, for-profit,
4 or nonprofit business or organization. Work experience placements shall
5 take into account the individual's prior training, skills, and
6 experience. A placement shall not exceed six months.

7 (5) Job search shall assist adult members of recipient families in
8 finding their own jobs. The emphasis shall be placed on teaching the
9 individual to take responsibility for his or her own job development and
10 placement.

11 (6) Employment shall consist of work for pay. The employment may be
12 full-time or part-time but shall be adequate to help the recipient family
13 reach economic self-sufficiency.

14 (7) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract and
15 meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant shall be
16 allowed to engage in vocational training that leads to an associate
17 degree, a diploma, or a certificate for a minimum of twenty hours per
18 week for up to thirty-six months. ~~This subsection terminates on December~~
19 ~~31, 2016.~~

20 Sec. 8. The following section is outright repealed: Section
21 68-1735.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

22 2. Renumber the remaining sections and amend the repealer
23 accordingly.