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LEGISLATIVE BILL 516

Introduced by McKinney, 11; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Welfare Reform Act; to amend section
- 2 68-1735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
- 3 relating to self-sufficiency contracts and work activity
- 4 requirements; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 68-1735 (1) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract
4 and meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant who
5 is under twenty years of age and is married or a single head of household
6 is deemed to have met the work activity requirement in a month if the
7 applicant ~~he or she~~:

8 (a) (1) Maintains satisfactory attendance during such month at
9 secondary school, a general education development program, or the
10 equivalent; or

11 (b) (2) Participates in education directly related to employment for
12 an average of at least twenty hours per week during such month. Education
13 directly related to employment includes, but is not limited to, Adult
14 Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and a general education
15 development program.

16 (2) An applicant shall be permitted to complete the monthly work
17 activity requirements through remote or online course work, including
18 coursework over the Internet, in any educational program that would
19 otherwise qualify as an activity enumerated under subsection (1) of
20 section 68-1735.02.

21 (3) For applicants engaged in remote or online course work permitted
22 under subsection (2) of this section, the Department of Health and Human
23 Services shall utilize self-attestation to verify participation. The
24 department shall be permitted to review or audit the information provided
25 by the applicant to confirm the required participation if the information
26 provided by the applicant in a self-attestation is questionable.

27 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1735, Reissue Revised Statutes of
28 Nebraska, is repealed.