
DIGEST

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HB No. 617

Abstract: Expands drug testing to 50% of adult recipients of public cash assistance. Establishes a cost savings program for drug testing program.

Present law provides for drug testing of certain adult recipients participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF). Allows the secretary of the Dept. of Social Services (DSS), in consultation with the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the commissioner of administration, to define which adult participants are subject to testing.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that 50% of adult recipients of the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) be drug tested.

Proposed law creates a cost savings program for drug testing. Requires the secretary of DSS to contract with a private contractor found to be the most qualified to test those adult recipients of FITAP selected under the procedure established by the secretaries of the DSS, DHH, and the commissioner of administration, and to test certain adults in other TANF programs. Requires the contractor to demonstrate that it has the following: qualifications, experience, and management personnel to carry out the terms of the contract; the ability to comply with state and federal privacy laws; the ability to conduct drug testing within acceptable scientific standards and maintain proper accreditation; the technical competence to conduct a cost-effective drug screening of specimen; the ability to conduct a follow-up test of any adult participant who fails an initial drug screening.

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(Amends R.S. 46:460.10(A), (B), and (E); Adds R.S. 46:460.10(F))