

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATORS TARVER AND CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WELFARE. Provides relative to employment, education, and related services for FITAP participants. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:231.12(A), (E), and (F) and to repeal R.S. 46:231.12(G),  
3 relative to aid for needy families; to provide relative to employment, education, and  
4 related services for FITAP participants; to provide relative to workers' compensation  
5 and liability coverage for certain participants; to provide for terms and procedures;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:231.12(A), (E), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §231.12. Employment, education, and related services for FITAP participants;  
11 responsibilities of the secretary, agencies, and participants

12 A.(1) The department shall develop and implement STEP as the employment  
13 program for work-eligible recipients of cash assistance in accordance with the  
14 provisions of the Federal Welfare Reform Act. The Louisiana Workforce  
15 Commission ~~shall~~ **may** collaborate with the department to identify and coordinate  
16 employment services for the program. ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission and~~  
17 ~~the department shall report to the House and Senate committees on health and~~

1 ~~welfare on the progress of the plan within one year of the implementation of the plan.~~

2 (2) The employment services provided for in this Subsection ~~shall~~ **may** be  
3 delivered pursuant to performance-based contracts between the department and the  
4 Louisiana Workforce Commission, other government agencies, or any community  
5 partner. The services may include but shall not be limited to the following:

6 (a) Job readiness, job preparation, and job search.

7 (b) Workplace literacy and related assessments.

8 (c) Applicable skill-based training, employer-based training, and other  
9 employment activities designed to meet the needs of Louisiana employers with a  
10 preference towards demand occupations.

11 (d) Temporary and permanent job placements.

12 (e) Subsidized employment services.

13 (f) On-the-job training.

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15 E. ~~The secretary shall provide workers' compensation and liability insurance~~  
16 ~~coverage for participants engaged in work experience or community service~~  
17 ~~activities.~~

18 F. Subject to appropriation, the department may provide support services and  
19 transitional services to facilitate progress by FITAP recipients toward  
20 self-sufficiency and sustainable employment.

21 ~~G.~~**F.** The secretary shall promulgate in accordance with the Administrative  
22 Procedure Act any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

23 Section 2. R.S. 46:231.12(G) is hereby repealed.

24 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
26 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
27 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
28 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka George.

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## DIGEST

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Present law requires the Department of Children and Family Services (department) to develop and implement Strategies to Empower People (STEP) as the employment program for work-eligible recipients of cash assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Welfare Reform Act.

Present law requires the Louisiana Workforce Commission (commission) to collaborate with the department to identify and coordinate employment services for the program.

Proposed law provides the commission may collaborate with the department to identify and coordinate employment services for the program.

Present law requires the commission and the department to report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the progress of the plan within one year of the implementation of the plan.

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law requires employment services to be delivered pursuant to performance-based contracts between the department and the commission, other governmental agencies, or any community partner.

Proposed law provides that employment services may be delivered pursuant to performance-based contracts between the department and the commission, other governmental agencies, or any community partner.

Proposed law removes from present law the requirement that the secretary of the department provide workers' compensation and liability insurance coverage for participants engaged in work experience or community service activities.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:231.12(A), (E), and (F); repeals R.S. 46:231.12(G))