

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATORS TARVER AND CARTER AND REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER AND PHELPS

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:231.12(A), (E), and (F) and to repeal R.S. 46:231.12(G), to provide relative to employment and education; to provide relative to workers' compensation and liability coverage for certain participants; to provide for terms and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

A.(1) The department shall develop and implement STEP as the employment program for work-eligible recipients of cash assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Welfare Reform Act. The Louisiana Workforce Commission ~~shall~~ **may** collaborate with the department to identify and coordinate employment services for the program. ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission and the department shall 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.~~

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

- (a) Job readiness, job preparation, and job search.
- (b) Workplace literacy and related assessments.

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

4 (d) Temporary and permanent job placements.

5 (e) Subsidized employment services.

6 (f) On-the-job training.

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_