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<u>Present law</u> provides that a family shall be ineligible for FITAP benefits, including automatic eligibility for medical assistance under Title XIX of the SSA (Medicaid), if any one of the following applies:

- (1) The parent has received FITAP for at least 24 months, whether consecutive or not, out of the previous 60 months after January 1, 1997.
- (2) A work-eligible parent has declined or refused the opportunity for full-time employment as specified in the participant's Family Success Agreement (FSA) or has not complied with required work activities as specified in the participant's FSA. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the termination of eligibility time limit in present law from 24 months to 60 months thereby meeting the lifetime limit for the program as provided in present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that work eligible FITAP participants shall participate in the Strategies To Empower People (STEP) program, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Welfare Reform Act.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that participants must fulfill each requirement of the Family Success Agreement and shall participate in work activities or employment programs to receive FITAP.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the provisions of <u>present law</u> shall not apply to an individual who is incapacitated or has a disability as documented or to such an individual in the recipient's household. <u>Proposed law</u> removes this provision of present law and provides that the provisions of <u>present law</u> shall not apply to an individual who qualifies for an extension, meets an exception, or is exempt as provided in state regulation or federal law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services may promulgate rules and regulations which establish exceptions to the time limitations provided in <u>present law</u> to the extent that funds are available for this purpose; however, any such exception shall be contingent upon the recipient maintaining compliance with the STEP FSA pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the secretary may promulgate rules and regulations which establish exceptions to the time limitations provided in <u>present law</u> to the extent that funds are available for this purpose and removes the contingency of compliance with the STEP FSA provided for in <u>present law</u>.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:231.6)