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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 257

Approved May 11, 2001

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorses
and Urges Passage of Senate Bill 2001-S 0375 and House Bill 2001-H 5534 relating to
Human Services-Family Independence, in substantially the form attached.

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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

A N A C T

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY INDEPENDENCE

Introduced By: Representatives Hetherington, Ajello, Coderre, Moura and Slater

Date Introduced: February 6, 2001

Referred To: Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 40-5.1-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-5.1 entitled "Family Independence Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-5.1-9. Cash assistance. -- (a) Entitlement to cash assistance.. - A family found by the department to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this chapter shall be entitled to receive cash assistance from the date of submitting a signed application. The family members shall be eligible for cash assistance for so long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria and parents shall be eligible so long as they meet the terms and conditions of the work requirements of subsection (c). The monthly amount of cash assistance shall be equal to the payment standard for the family minus the countable income of the family in that month. The department is authorized to reduce the amount of assistance in the month of application to reflect the number of the days between the first (1st) day of the month and the effective date of the application.

(b) Payment standard.. - The payment standard is equal to the sum of the following: three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$327) (two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$277) for a family residing in subsidized housing) for the first person, one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$122) for the second person, one hundred five dollars (\$105) for the third person and eighty dollars (\$80) for each additional person.

(c) Work requirements.. - (1) No more than forty-five (45) days following the date on which a family has been notified by the department in writing that it is eligible for cash assistance under the act, the department shall develop a family financial plan pursuant to section 40-5.1-5 and, unless the parent is exempt from work pursuant to subsection (iv), the department shall assess the parent's educational and vocational abilities and develop an individual employment plan pursuant to section 40-5.1-5. In the case of a family including two parents, the department may develop an employment plan for each

parent if the parents so request.

(2) The employment plan shall specify the parent's work activity and the supportive services which will be provided by the department to enable the parent to engage in the work activity.

(i) During the first twenty-four (24) months of the employment plan, the parent shall participate in one of the following work activities, as appropriate, to help the parent obtain stable full-time paid employment:

(A) Twenty (20) hours per week of paid employment, (including on-the-job training);

(B) Twenty (20) hours per week of community work experience in a program which satisfies the requirements of section 40-5.1-23;

(C) A training or work readiness program approved by the department and conducted at a job site if the program involves supervised participation in work at the site;

(D) During the first six (6) months of eligibility (or for a longer period if the department determines it necessary to prepare the parent to obtain stable full-time employment), successful participation in an approved work readiness program as defined in section 40-5.1-22;

(E) During the first three (3) months of eligibility (or for a longer period if the department determines it necessary to prepare the parent to obtain stable full-time employment), participation in an approved rapid job placement program as defined in section 40-5.1-20;

(F) A supervised individual job search which meets the conditions set forth in section 40-5.1-21;

(G) For a parent under the age of twenty (20) without a high school diploma or the equivalent, successful participation on a full-time basis in a program to secure such diploma or the equivalent;

(H) For a parent age twenty (20) or older, without basic literacy or English literacy skills, successful participation on a full time basis in a program to secure such skills; and

(I) For a parent age twenty (20) or older (and a parent under the age of twenty (20) who has a high school degree or the equivalent or a parent under the age of twenty (20) for whom attendance at a high school is determined to be inappropriate) successful participation in a vocational education, skills or job training program, including without limitation, a program of postsecondary education, which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act.

(ii) Beginning with the twenty-fifth month of the employment plan, the parent shall participate in one or more of the following work activities for at least twenty (20) hours per week:

(A) Paid employment (including on-the-job training);

(B) A community work experience program which satisfies the requirements of section 40-5.1-23;

(C) A training program approved by the department and conducted at a job site if the program involves supervised participation in work at the site.

(iii) The following parents shall be deferred from the participation requirement in subsection (ii):

(A) A parent under the age of twenty (20) without a high school diploma or the equivalent who is

successfully participating, on a full-time basis, in a program to secure such diploma or the equivalent;

(B) A single parent age twenty (20) or older, without basic literacy or English language skills, who (I) is participating in a full-time program but is unable to complete a literacy or language skills program during the first twenty-four (24) months of his or her employment plan, or (II) who the department has determined is unable to secure paid employment without additional language or literacy skills, and who is successfully participating in a program to secure such skills.

(C) A parent age twenty (20) years or older, who is successfully participating in a vocational education, skills or job training program, including without limitation, a program of postsecondary education, which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act; provided, however, that the parent began the program prior to the twenty-fifth (25th) month of his or her employment plan; provided, further, however, that participation shall not be deemed a work activity after the thirty-sixth (36th) month of the employment plan.

(D) Upon completion of any activity in ~~sections A-C~~ this subsection (iii), the parent shall be subject to the work activity requirements of subsection (ii).

(E) A parent who has engaged in one of the activities listed in 40-5.1-9(c)(2)(ii) for at least six (6) months may participate in a vocational education, skills or job training program which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act; provided however that deferment from the work requirement under this subsection shall be limited to the month following the month in which the program ends or twenty-four (24) months, whichever is shorter.

(iv) Subsections (i) and (ii) shall not apply to a single parent if (and for so long as) the department finds that he or she is:

(A) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of an illness which, on the basis of medical evidence, is serious enough to temporarily prevent work;

(B) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of a physical or mental impairment which, on the basis of medical evidence, either by itself or in conjunction with age, prevents work;

(C) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of the illness or incapacity of a minor child or spouse who requires full-time in-home care, and for whom the person is providing care;

(D) Caring for a child below the age of one; provided, however, that a minor parent without a high school diploma or the equivalent, and who is not married, shall not be exempt from subsection (i)(G) for more than twelve (12) weeks from the birth of the child;

(E) Sixty (60) years of age or older;

(F) A pregnant woman in her third trimester;

(G) Otherwise exempt by the department.

(v) The amount of cash assistance to which an otherwise eligible family is entitled under the act, shall be reduced in any month during the first twenty-four (24) months of the parent's employment plan in which the parent fails, without good cause, to comply with the employment plan, by the parent's portion of the family's benefit.

(vi) (A) Beginning with the twenty-fifth month of the employment plan, the following penalties shall

apply in any month to a family in which the parent, without good cause, fails to comply with his or her employment plan:

Number of Reduction in Family

Months of Noncompliance Benefit (% of Parent's benefit)

One-six 110%

Seven-Twelve 120%

Thirteen-Eighteen 130%

Nineteen-Twenty-four 140%

(B) For purposes of subsections (v) and (vi) the benefit reduction for a family size of two (2) shall be computed utilizing a family size of three (3).

(C) If a parent fails to comply with his or her employment plan for more than twenty four (24) months, the family's benefit shall be reduced by one hundred percent (100%) of the parent's benefit and the entire benefit shall be paid to some appropriate and responsible person (other than the parent) to pay the expenses of the family. An "appropriate responsible person" may include the family's case manager.

(D) If the family's benefit has been reduced due to the parent's failure to comply with the terms of the employment plan, benefits shall be restored to the full amount beginning with the initial payment made on the first of the month following the month in which the parent agrees to comply with the terms of the plan.

(E) If a family subject to a reduction in benefits under this subsection:

(I) Terminates benefits;

(II) Reapplies within three (3) months and;

(III) Has not had gross earnings in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) during the three (3) month period;

(F) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the family has terminated in order to avoid a further reduction in benefits, and penalties shall be applied as if the family had not terminated from the program.

(vii) Notwithstanding subsections (i) and (ii) of this subsection, in the case of a family consisting of two (2) parents, (except as provided in subsection (xi) below), beginning seven (7) days following completion of the family financial plan and the individual employment plan(s), or as soon as practical thereafter, one (1) parent shall be engaged in work activities for at least thirty-five (35) hours per week during the month, not fewer than thirty (30) hours per week of which are attributable to one (1) or more of the following activities:

(A) Unsubsidized employment;

(B) Subsidized private sector employment;

(C) Subsidized public sector employment;

(D) Work experience if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

(E) On-the-job training;

(F) Job search and job readiness assistance;

(G) Community service program;

(H) Vocational educational training (not to exceed twelve (12) months with respect to any individual); or

(I) The provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program.

Moreover, in the case of a two (2) parent family wherein one (1) parent is engaged for at least thirty-five (35) hours per week in the work activities specified immediately above, and if the family requests child care assistance under this chapter, and an adult in the family is not disabled or caring for a severely disabled child, the second parent must be engaged in work activities during the month for not fewer than twenty (20) hours per week in one (1) or more of the following activities:

(A) Unsubsidized employment;

(B) Subsidized private sector employment;

(C) Subsidized public sector employment;

(D) Work experience if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

(E) On-the-job training; or

(F) Community service programs;

(viii) Subsection (vii) shall not apply

(A) To a parent who is ill and the department determines on the basis of medical evidence that the illness is serious enough to temporarily prevent entry into employment or engaging in the activities listed in subsection (vii) or to provide care for his or her children; or

(B) To a parent who is incapacitated by a physical or mental impairment which the department has determined on the basis of medical evidence either by itself or in conjunction with age, prevents the individual from engaging in employment or training or providing care for his or her children; or

(C) To a parent who is providing full-time in-home care to a minor child or parent who, due to illness or incapacity, requires full-time in-home care; or

(D) If otherwise authorized by the department for cause.

(ix) If, during any month, parents required to comply with subsection (vii) fail, without good cause to do so, the family shall be deemed for all purposes under this act to include only one parent. The parent included in the family shall be the parent which the department determines has accepted

primary responsibility for child care. The parent included in the family, unless exempt pursuant to subsection (iv), shall be required to comply with subsections (i) and (ii) of this subsection and shall be subject to the penalties in subsections (v) and (vi), as applicable, if the parent fails to do so. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in determining the amount of cash assistance to which a family is entitled under this chapter, the earnings of any parent living in the same household as a family eligible for cash assistance, shall be deemed to be earned income of the family for purposes of section 40-5.1-10(b).

(x) A parent's failure, without good cause, to accept a bona fide offer of work, including full-time, part-time and/or temporary employment, or unpaid community service, to the extent the offer of work is not inconsistent with the employment plan shall be deemed a failure to comply with this section, provided that:

(A) The parent is able to perform the work offered; and

(B) Appropriate child care (as defined in subsection (e) hereof) is made available to the parent.

(xi) A two (2) parent family that includes a disabled parent shall be considered to be a single parent family for purposes of applying the work requirements of subsections (i) and (ii).

(d) Child care.. - Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no single parent, or both parents meeting the requirements of subsection (vii), shall be required to work to the extent that appropriate child care is necessary for the parent to do so and the department determines that such appropriate child care is unavailable for fiscal or other reasons. For purposes of this section "appropriate child care" means child care which is provided by a person or organization qualified and authorized to provide such care by the department of children, youth, and families or such other lawful providers as determined by the department of children, youth, and families. Child care shall be considered "necessary" under this section for any child below the age of thirteen (13), or any children age thirteen (13) years or older who is under supervision of the family court or who requires care because of a physical or mental impairment.

(e) Work expenses.. - The department shall provide an allowance for transportation costs necessary to comply with the employment plan, provided, however, that the amount of such reimbursement shall not exceed the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per day.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY INDEPENDENCE

This act would allow parents, under certain conditions, to participate in vocational education, skills or

job training programs likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages deemed sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

A N A C T

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT

Introduced By: Senators Gibbs, Parella, Perry, Sosnowski and Izzo**Date Introduced:** February 13, 2001**Referred To:** Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 40-5.1-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-5.1 entitled "Family Independence Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-5.1-9. Cash assistance. -- (a) Entitlement to cash assistance.. - A family found by the department to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this chapter shall be entitled to receive cash assistance from the date of submitting a signed application. The family members shall be eligible for cash assistance for so long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria and parents shall be eligible so long as they meet the terms and conditions of the work requirements of subsection (c). The monthly amount of cash assistance shall be equal to the payment standard for the family minus the countable income of the family in that month. The department is authorized to reduce the amount of assistance in the month of application to reflect the number of the days between the first (1st) day of the month and the effective date of the application.

(b) Payment standard.. - The payment standard is equal to the sum of the following: three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$327) (two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$277) for a family residing in subsidized housing) for the first person, one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$122) for the second person, one hundred five dollars (\$105) for the third person and eighty dollars (\$80) for each additional person.

(c) Work requirements.. - (1) No more than forty-five (45) days following the date on which a family has been notified by the department in writing that it is eligible for cash assistance under the act, the department shall develop a family financial plan pursuant to section 40-5.1-5 and, unless the parent is exempt from work pursuant to subsection (iv), the department shall assess the parent's educational and vocational abilities and develop an individual employment plan pursuant to section 40-5.1-5. In the case of a family including two parents, the department may develop an employment plan for each parent if the parents so request.

(2) The employment plan shall specify the parent's work activity and the supportive services which will be provided by the department to enable the parent to engage in the work activity.

(i) During the first twenty-four (24) months of the employment plan, the parent shall participate in one of the following work activities, as appropriate, to help the parent obtain stable full-time paid employment:

(A) Twenty (20) hours per week of paid employment, (including on-the-job training);

(B) Twenty (20) hours per week of community work experience in a program which satisfies the requirements of section 40-5.1-23;

(C) A training or work readiness program approved by the department and conducted at a job site if the program involves supervised participation in work at the site;

(D) During the first six (6) months of eligibility (or for a longer period if the department determines it necessary to prepare the parent to obtain stable full-time employment), successful participation in an approved work readiness program as defined in section 40-5.1-22;

(E) During the first three (3) months of eligibility (or for a longer period if the department determines it necessary to prepare the parent to obtain stable full-time employment), participation in an approved rapid job placement program as defined in section 40-5.1-20;

(F) A supervised individual job search which meets the conditions set forth in section 40-5.1-21;

(G) For a parent under the age of twenty (20) without a high school diploma or the equivalent, successful participation on a full-time basis in a program to secure such diploma or the equivalent;

(H) For a parent age twenty (20) or older, without basic literacy or English literacy skills, successful participation on a full time basis in a program to secure such skills; and

(I) For a parent age twenty (20) or older (and a parent under the age of twenty (20) who has a high school degree or the equivalent or a parent under the age of twenty (20) for whom attendance at a high school is determined to be inappropriate) successful participation in a vocational education, skills or job training program, including without limitation, a program of postsecondary education, which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act.

(ii) Beginning with the twenty-fifth month of the employment plan, the parent shall participate in one or more of the following work activities for at least twenty (20) hours per week:

(A) Paid employment (including on-the-job training);

(B) A community work experience program which satisfies the requirements of section 40-5.1-23;

(C) A training program approved by the department and conducted at a job site if the program involves supervised participation in work at the site.

(iii) The following parents shall be deferred from the participation requirement in subsection (ii):

(A) A parent under the age of twenty (20) without a high school diploma or the equivalent who is successfully participating, on a full-time basis, in a program to secure such diploma or the equivalent;

(B) A single parent age twenty (20) or older, without basic literacy or English language skills, who (I) is participating in a full-time program but is unable to complete a literacy or language skills program during the first twenty-four (24) months of his or her employment plan, or (II) who the department has determined is unable to secure paid employment without additional language or literacy skills, and who is successfully participating in a program to secure such skills.

(C) A parent age twenty (20) years or older, who is successfully participating in a vocational education, skills or job training program, including without limitation, a program of postsecondary education, which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act; provided, however, that the parent began the program prior to the twenty-fifth (25th) month of his or her employment plan; provided, further, however, that participation shall not be deemed a work activity after the thirty-sixth (36th) month of the employment plan.

(D) A parent who has engaged in one of the activities listed in section 40-5.1-9(c)(2)(ii) for at least six (6) months may participate in a vocational education, skills or job training program which the department determines is likely to result in regular full-time employment at wages sufficient to eliminate eligibility for cash assistance under the act; provided, however, that the deferment from the work requirement under this subsection shall be limited to the month following the month in which the program ends or twenty-four (24) months, whichever is shorter.

~~(D)~~ (E) Upon completion of any activity in sections A-C ~~D~~, the parent shall be subject to the work activity requirements of subsection (ii).

(iv) Subsections (i) and (ii) shall not apply to a single parent if (and for so long as) the department finds that he or she is:

(A) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of an illness which, on the basis of medical evidence, is serious enough to temporarily prevent work;

(B) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of a physical or mental impairment which, on the basis of medical evidence, either by itself or in conjunction with age, prevents work;

(C) Unable to comply with the employment plan because of the illness or incapacity of a minor child or spouse who requires full-time in-home care, and for whom the person is providing care;

(D) Caring for a child below the age of one; provided, however, that a minor parent without a high school diploma or the equivalent, and who is not married, shall not be exempt from subsection (i)(G) for more than twelve (12) weeks from the birth of the child;

(E) Sixty (60) years of age or older;

(F) A pregnant woman in her third trimester;

(G) Otherwise exempt by the department.

(v) The amount of cash assistance to which an otherwise eligible family is entitled under the act, shall be reduced in any month during the first twenty-four (24) months of the parent's employment plan in which the parent fails, without good cause, to comply with the employment plan, by the parent's portion of the family's benefit.

(vi) (A) Beginning with the twenty-fifth month of the employment plan, the following penalties shall apply in any month to a family in which the parent, without good cause, fails to comply with his or

her employment plan: Number of Reduction in Family Months of Noncompliance Benefit (% of Parent's benefit) One-six 110% Seven-Twelve 120% Thirteen-Eighteen 130% Nineteen-Twenty-four 140%

(B) For purposes of subsections (v) and (vi) the benefit reduction for a family size of two (2) shall be computed utilizing a family size of three (3).

(C) If a parent fails to comply with his or her employment plan for more than twenty four (24) months, the family's benefit shall be reduced by one hundred percent (100%) of the parent's benefit and the entire benefit shall be paid to some appropriate and responsible person (other than the parent) to pay the expenses of the family. An "appropriate responsible person" may include the family's case manager.

(D) If the family's benefit has been reduced due to the parent's failure to comply with the terms of the employment plan, benefits shall be restored to the full amount beginning with the initial payment made on the first of the month following the month in which the parent agrees to comply with the terms of the plan.

(E) If a family subject to a reduction in benefits under this subsection:

(I) Terminates benefits;

(II) Reapplies within three (3) months and;

(III) Has not had gross earnings in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) during the three (3) month period;

(F) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the family has terminated in order to avoid a further reduction in benefits, and penalties shall be applied as if the family had not terminated from the program.

(vii) Notwithstanding subsections (i) and (ii) of this subsection, in the case of a family consisting of two (2) parents, (except as provided in subsection (xi) below), beginning seven (7) days following completion of the family financial plan and the individual employment plan(s), or as soon as practical thereafter, one (1) parent shall be engaged in work activities for at least thirty-five (35) hours per week during the month, not fewer than thirty (30) hours per week of which are attributable to one (1) or more of the following activities:

(A) Unsubsidized employment;

(B) Subsidized private sector employment;

(C) Subsidized public sector employment;

(D) Work experience if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

(E) On-the-job training;

(F) Job search and job readiness assistance;

(G) Community service program;

(H) Vocational educational training (not to exceed twelve (12) months with respect to any

individual); or

(I) The provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program.

Moreover, in the case of a two (2) parent family wherein one (1) parent is engaged for at least thirty-five (35) hours per week in the work activities specified immediately above, and if the family requests child care assistance under this chapter, and an adult in the family is not disabled or caring for a severely disabled child, the second parent must be engaged in work activities during the month for not fewer than twenty (20) hours per week in one (1) or more of the following activities:

(A) Unsubsidized employment;

(B) Subsidized private sector employment;

(C) Subsidized public sector employment;

(D) Work experience if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

(E) On-the-job training; or

(F) Community service programs;

(viii) Subsection (vii) shall not apply

(A) To a parent who is ill and the department determines on the basis of medical evidence that the illness is serious enough to temporarily prevent entry into employment or engaging in the activities listed in subsection (vii) or to provide care for his or her children; or

(B) To a parent who is incapacitated by a physical or mental impairment which the department has determined on the basis of medical evidence either by itself or in conjunction with age, prevents the individual from engaging in employment or training or providing care for his or her children; or

(C) To a parent who is providing full-time in-home care to a minor child or parent who, due to illness or incapacity, requires full-time in-home care; or

(D) If otherwise authorized by the department for cause.

(ix) If, during any month, parents required to comply with subsection (vii) fail, without good cause to do so, the family shall be deemed for all purposes under this act to include only one parent. The parent included in the family shall be the parent which the department determines has accepted primary responsibility for child care. The parent included in the family, unless exempt pursuant to subsection (iv), shall be required to comply with subsections (i) and (ii) of this subsection and shall be subject to the penalties in subsections (v) and (vi), as applicable, if the parent fails to do so. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in determining the amount of cash assistance to which a family is entitled under this chapter, the earnings of any parent living in the same household as a family eligible for cash assistance, shall be deemed to be earned income of the family for purposes of section 40-5.1-10(b).

(x) A parent's failure, without good cause, to accept a bona fide offer of work, including full-time, part-time and/or temporary employment, or unpaid community service, to the extent the offer of work is not inconsistent with the employment plan shall be deemed a failure to comply with this section, provided that:

(A) The parent is able to perform the work offered; and

(B) Appropriate child care (as defined in subsection (e) hereof) is made available to the parent.

(xi) A two (2) parent family that includes a disabled parent shall be considered to be a single parent family for purposes of applying the work requirements of subsections (i) and (ii).

(d) Child care.. - Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no single parent, or both parents meeting the requirements of subsection (vii), shall be required to work to the extent that appropriate child care is necessary for the parent to do so and the department determines that such appropriate child care is unavailable for fiscal or other reasons. For purposes of this section "appropriate child care" means child care which is provided by a person or organization qualified and authorized to provide such care by the department of children, youth, and families or such other lawful providers as determined by the department of children, youth, and families. Child care shall be considered "necessary" under this section for any child below the age of thirteen (13), or any children age thirteen (13) years or older who is under supervision of the family court or who requires care because of a physical or mental impairment.

(e) Work expenses.. - The department shall provide an allowance for transportation costs necessary to comply with the employment plan, provided, however, that the amount of such reimbursement shall not exceed the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per day.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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A N A C T

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT

This act would defer the work requirement under section 40-5.1-9 for twenty-four (24) months if the parent is enrolled in a vocational education program.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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