HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS HB 2682

Title: An act relating to higher education opportunities for certain young people enrolled in assistance programs.

Brief Description: Providing higher education opportunities for certain young people enrolled in assistance programs.

Sponsors: Representatives Kenney, Carlson, Dunn, Skinner, Radcliff, McIntire,

Edmonds, Stensen, Veloria, Dickerson, Kessler, Ruderman, Santos,

Lovick, Kagi, Lantz, Edwards, Anderson, O'Brien, Constantine, Regala,

Keiser, Rockefeller, Miloscia, Ogden, Esser and Woods.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: January 17, 2000.

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Background: Under the WorkFirst program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients are required to engage in job-related activities. There are certain work-related activities that fulfill this requirement, including subsidized paid employment, on-the-job training, community service programs, vocational education, and providing child care services to an individual participating in a community service program.

Summary of Bill: TANF recipients, ages 18 to 21 years old, may fulfill their work activity—requirement by satisfactorily maintaining a full credit load in a vocational or two-year community college program. The program must provide job-specific education or training in a high demand field.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: None.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.