

2 **E2SHB 2798** - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5775.1/94)

3 By Senator Prentice

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5 Beginning on page 4, line 36 of the amendment, strike all material  
6 through page 6, line 30, and insert the following:

7 "(2) To the extent feasible under state and federal law, the  
8 department of social and health services and all entities contracting  
9 with it shall ~~((give first priority of service to individuals  
10 volunteering for program participation))~~ prioritize job search, job  
11 training, and education resources in the manner provided in this  
12 chapter. The highest priority groups, for receipt of the services  
13 identified through the assessment and employability plan, are  
14 recipients who are parents under age twenty and who have received aid  
15 to families with dependent children for thirty-six of the preceding  
16 sixty months.

17 (3) The assessments and employability plan shall identify and  
18 primarily respond to a participant's job readiness. The job  
19 opportunities and basic skills training program components specified by  
20 the employability plan shall place a high priority on participants  
21 gaining work experience and participants targeted in this section will  
22 normally be expected to take any job offered unless there is good cause  
23 to refuse to accept a job. Good cause shall be found if the criteria  
24 established by the department of social and health services pursuant to  
25 the federal regulations are met, or if accepting a job would result in  
26 a participant having to discontinue an education or job training  
27 program that is part of the participant's employability plan prior to  
28 completion of such education or training program.

29 The department of social and health services shall track the  
30 experience of those recipients who accept any job offered as part of  
31 their job opportunities and basic skills program participation. In  
32 tracking such recipients, the department shall determine the wages and  
33 hours of the job taken, whether earnings resulted in ineligibility for  
34 the aid to families with dependent children program, and, for  
35 recipients who do return to the aid to families with dependent children  
36 program, the wages and hours of subsequent jobs taken.

1 Hours of unsubsidized employment shall count towards participation  
2 requirements independent of date of hire or concurrent participation in  
3 other components of the job opportunities and basic skills program.  
4 The services specified in the employability plan shall be targeted as  
5 follows:

6 (a) Participants under age twenty may be required to complete high  
7 school or other basic skills training;

8 (b) Participants who do not have recent work experience shall be  
9 required to participate in paid or unpaid work experience or activities  
10 leading directly to such experience, including job search, job  
11 readiness, and job skills training;

12 (c) Participants who have recent work experience and more than a  
13 high school diploma shall be required to participate in job search; and

14 (d) Vocational education programs shall be emphasized over  
15 postsecondary education programs.

16 (4) The department of social and health services shall develop a  
17 realistic schedule for the phase in of recipients' participation in the  
18 job opportunities and basic skills program based on the availability of  
19 state and federal funding."

20 On page 6, at the beginning of line 31 of the amendment, strike  
21 "(7)" and insert "(5)"

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25 On page 7, at the beginning of line 3 of the amendment, strike  
26 "(8)" and insert "(6)"

27 On page 7, line 8 of the amendment, after "((+3))" strike "(9)"  
28 and insert "(7)"

29 On page 7, line 25 of the amendment, after "((+4))" strike "(10)"  
30 and insert "(8)"

31 EFFECT: Targets JOBS services in two ways: Emphasizes providing  
32 services to parents under age twenty and long-term recipients; and

1 identifies types of JOBS services that should be used for recipients  
2 with specified educational levels or work histories.

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4 On page 6, line 38, strike "the fastest and most efficient" and  
5 insert "a cost-effective"

6 EFFECT: Uses "cost-effective" as a threshold standard for any  
7 approval education in four-year college.

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