

in AFDC child support collections retained by the State. The Department of Human Resources shall include in its annual budget submission information on the amount of federal dollars realized as a result of the Fund.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

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CHAPTER 491

(Senate Bill 754)

AN ACT concerning

**Welfare Reform Pilot Program and Child Support Reform**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish and implement a Welfare Reform Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary to select certain areas to implement the Program; providing for the application of the Program; providing for certain exemptions; requiring the Department of Human Resources and a certain recipient to sign a certain agreement; requiring a certain assessment of certain applicants; establishing certain conditions for eligibility for certain benefits under the Program; providing for the continuation of medical assistance coverage for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; specifying that certain income shall be considered to be earned income for certain purposes; requiring the Secretary to create and establish a grant diversion program; limiting Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to a certain maximum period under certain circumstances; providing for certain good cause exemptions; requiring the Secretary to establish certain ~~sanctions~~ benefit reductions and exemptions; providing for the retention of certain benefits if certain ~~sanctions~~ benefit reductions are imposed; providing for a certain transitional assistance program; eliminating the incremental increase in benefits under the AFDC Program for which a recipient would otherwise be eligible as a result of the birth of a child under certain circumstances; limiting assistance to certain pregnant recipients; providing for certain family planning ~~counseling and services~~ referrals for certain recipients; requiring the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ~~encourage certain medical providers~~ provide certain family planning ~~counseling and services~~ referrals at certain locations; altering the requirements of certain rules; establishing that children living in certain families shall be eligible to receive assistance under the AFDC Program under certain circumstances; specifying the method for determining the amount of AFDC assistance for certain children; increasing the maximum value of an automobile without it counting as an asset for purposes of AFDC and food stamp eligibility; permitting recipients and their children to save money while in training through part-time work without it resulting in a disqualification for benefits; conditioning the eligibility of certain minor recipients of AFDC; providing for certain exemptions; requiring participation in certain family health and parenting skills