

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for the period of ~~[4] 8 7~~ years AND 4 MONTHS and, at the end of ~~[June 30, 1999] OCTOBER 31, 2003, 2002~~, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the demonstration sites authorized by § 10-119.2 of the Family Law Article represent a mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

SECTION 3. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that local departments of social services notify families losing Temporary Cash Assistance benefits that they may continue to qualify for Medicaid. The Department of Human Resources shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 1999 on:

(a) the number of individuals who continue to qualify for Medicaid after losing their Temporary Cash Assistance, in relation to the total number of individuals losing Temporary Cash Assistance; and

(b) the specific actions taken to ensure families losing Temporary Cash Assistance are aware that they may continue to qualify for Medicaid the funding for the pilot program established under Article 88A, § 53A of the Code shall be sufficient to provide upgrade training, as required by the pilot program, to 400 newly employed current and former FIP recipients at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 per recipient.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Budget and Management, with assistance provided by the Secretary of Human Resources, develop and implement a plan for hiring welfare recipients by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State government. Components of the plan shall include, for each agency: the units that could most easily hire welfare clients; the positions most suitable for the welfare population; a proposal for recruiting welfare clients; job retention strategies; and a target number of clients to be recruited. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, no later than November 1, 1999, on the development of the plan for recruiting and hiring welfare recipients, and annually thereafter on the number of welfare recipients hired and retained by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State government.

SECTION 2-4-5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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