

local departments of social services to develop, submit, and implement local plans and report the success of those plans to the Secretary; requiring the use of on-site addictions specialists in the screening and assessment of adult or minor applicants for or recipients of assistance under certain circumstances; altering certain procedures related to screening and assessment; providing for a waiver from a certain federal act relating to the barring of public assistance to certain individuals who have been convicted of certain felonies relating to controlled dangerous substances; requiring the testing and treatment of an applicant for or recipient of public assistance who has been convicted of those felonies after a certain date, notwithstanding the waiver; making certain individuals who have been convicted of certain felonies relating to controlled dangerous substances ineligible for certain assistance for a certain period from the date of conviction; providing for the imposition of certain sanctions under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt regulations to establish testing methods and procedures and requiring those methods and procedures to be consistent with certain existing methods and procedures; permitting a certain noncompetitive negotiation process to procure certain services under the Family Investment Program; permitting the use of certain prequalified bidders or offerors to procure certain services under the Family Investment Program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on ~~these efforts~~ the implementation of certain provisions of this Act to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain ~~date~~ certain dates; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to submit certain reports, including recommendations regarding enactment of federal legislation on child support pass through to certain individuals, to a certain committee on certain dates; requiring the Departments of Human Resources and Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure certain treatment is available to certain individuals; repealing existing law relating to when the payment of temporary cash assistance begins; requiring a report by the Department of Human Resources on its plan to extend categorical eligibility for food stamps to certain families receiving certain benefits by a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to improving the level of jobs, and access to those jobs for Family Investment Program recipients and to demonstration programs under the Family Investment Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

Section 46, 48(b) through (e), 50, and 50A

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BY adding to

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

Section 55 and 65A

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