

(i) for performance security, in an amount that the public body considers adequate for its protection; and

(ii) for payment security, at least 50% of the total amount payable under the contract.

(b) A public body, other than the State or a unit of the State government, may require payment security or performance security for a construction contract if:

(1) the contract exceeds \$25,000 but does not exceed [\$50,000] \$100,000; and

(2) the amount of the security does not exceed 50% of the contract amount.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 637

(Senate Bill 686)

AN ACT concerning

Welfare Innovation Act of 1998

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish a certain performance incentive program for certain employees of local departments of social services by a certain date; specifying the source of payment for pay incentives to be provided under the program; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain implementation plan for the performance incentive program by a certain date;~~ codifying a provision of law related to the use of certain savings involving the Family Investment Program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to give priority to and use a certain percentage of funds allocated to demonstration projects for the funding of certain proposals; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish a Job Skills Enhancement Pilot Program; establishing an exemption from the definition of a vehicle dealer for certain nonprofit entities, the Department of Human Resources, and the local departments of social services; repealing a provision of law that required the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply for a certain waiver; requiring the Department of Human Resources and local departments of social services to execute certain hiring agreements with certain entities doing business with the State for the purpose of hiring Family Investment Program recipients; requiring the Board of Public Works to designate certain procurement contracts as eligible contracts that in conjunction with the award of such contracts a hiring agreement is to be executed; requiring the Department to develop a certain model form; requiring the Department and local departments of social services to submit a certain annual report to certain