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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Welfare Reform Act; to amend section  
2 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012;  
3 to change provisions relating to self-sufficiency  
4 contracts and work activity requirements; and to repeal  
5 the original section.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes  
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3                   68-1735.01 (1) For purposes of this section, target work  
4 rate means fifty percent less the caseload reduction credit submitted  
5 by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to the United  
6 States Department of Health and Human Services for the fiscal year.

7                   (2) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency  
8 contract and meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an  
9 applicant ~~under twenty-four years of age~~ shall be deemed to have met  
10 the work activity requirement in a month if he or she is engaged in  
11 education directly related to employment for an average of at least  
12 twenty hours per week during such month. Education directly related  
13 to employment includes, but is not limited to, Adult Basic Education,  
14 English as a Second Language, and a general education development  
15 program.

16                   (3) No state funds shall be used to carry out this  
17 section unless such state funds meet the definition of qualified  
18 state expenditures under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy  
19 Families program, 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i).

20                   (4) If Nebraska's work participation rate under the  
21 federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42 U.S.C.  
22 601 et seq., does not exceed the target work rate by ten percentage  
23 points in any month, the Department of Health and Human Services may  
24 suspend the requirements of subsection (2) of this section until the  
25 work participation rate exceeds the target work rate by ten

1 percentage points for three consecutive months.

2                   Sec. 2. Original section 68-1735.01, Revised Statutes

3 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.