

AMENDMENTS TO LB1081

Introduced by Mello, 5.

1           1. Insert the following new sections:

2           Sec. 3. Section 68-1708, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3           2014, is amended to read:

4           68-1708 Sections 68-1708 to 68-1735.03 ~~68-1735.04~~ shall be known and  
5           may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act.

6           Sec. 5. Section 68-1721, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
7           2014, is amended to read:

8           68-1721 (1) Under the self-sufficiency contract developed under  
9           section 68-1719, the principal wage earner and other nonexempt members of  
10          the applicant family shall be required to participate in one or more of  
11          the following approved activities, including, but not limited to,  
12          education, job skills training, work experience, job search, or  
13          employment.

14          (2) Education shall consist of the general education development  
15          program, high school, Adult Basic Education, English as a Second  
16          Language, postsecondary education, or other education programs approved  
17          in the contract.

18          (3) Job skills training shall include vocational training in  
19          technical job skills and equivalent knowledge. Activities shall consist  
20          of formalized, technical job skills training, apprenticeships, on-the-job  
21          training, or training in the operation of a microbusiness enterprise. The  
22          types of training, apprenticeships, or training positions may include,  
23          but need not be limited to, the ability to provide services such as home  
24          repairs, automobile repairs, respite care, foster care, personal care,  
25          and child care. Job skills training shall be prioritized and approved for  
26          occupations that facilitate economic self-sufficiency.

27          (4) The purpose of work experience shall be to improve the

1 employability of applicants by providing work experience and training to  
2 assist them to move promptly into regular public or private employment.  
3 Work experience shall mean unpaid work in a public, private, for-profit,  
4 or nonprofit business or organization. Work experience placements shall  
5 take into account the individual's prior training, skills, and  
6 experience. A placement shall not exceed six months.

7 (5) Job search shall assist adult members of recipient families in  
8 finding their own jobs. The emphasis shall be placed on teaching the  
9 individual to take responsibility for his or her own job development and  
10 placement.

11 (6) Employment shall consist of work for pay. The employment may be  
12 full-time or part-time but shall be adequate to help the recipient family  
13 reach economic self-sufficiency.

14 (7) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract and  
15 meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant shall be  
16 allowed to engage in vocational training that leads to an associate  
17 degree, a diploma, or a certificate for a minimum of twenty hours per  
18 week for up to thirty-six months. ~~This subsection terminates on December~~  
19 ~~31, 2016.~~

20 Sec. 8. The following section is outright repealed: Section  
21 68-1735.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

22 2. Renumber the remaining sections and amend the repealer  
23 accordingly.