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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to self-sufficiency contracts; to amend
2 section 68-1735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow
3 applicants to complete monthly work activity requirements remotely
4 or online; to provide for verification 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, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 68-1735 (1) For purposes of creating the self-sufficiency contract
4 and meeting the applicant's work activity requirement, an applicant who
5 is under twenty years of age and is married or a single head of household
6 is deemed to have met the work activity requirement in a month if he or
7 she:

8 (a) ~~(1)~~ Maintains satisfactory attendance during such month at
9 secondary school, a general education development program, or the
10 equivalent; or

11 (b) ~~(2)~~ Participates in education directly related to employment for
12 an average of at least twenty hours per week during such month. Education
13 directly related to employment includes, but is not limited to, Adult
14 Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and a general education
15 development program.

16 (2) An applicant shall be permitted to complete the monthly work
17 activity requirements through remote or online course work, including
18 coursework over the Internet, in any educational program that would
19 otherwise qualify as an activity enumerated under subdivision (1) of
20 section 68-1735.02.

21 (3) For an applicant engaged in remote or online coursework
22 permitted under subsection (2) of this section, the Department of Health
23 and Human Services shall verify an applicant's participation as follows:

24 (a) Through an electronic tracking system, such as an applicant's
25 electronic log-in and log-out records from such applicant's educational
26 institution, to verify actual time spent completing remote or online
27 coursework if such method is available; or

28 (b) Through attendance timesheets indicating the actual time an
29 applicant spent completing remote or online coursework signed by the
30 applicant and a representative of such applicant's educational
31 institution; or

1 (c) If the options in both subdivisions (a) and (b) of this
2 subsection are not feasible, through reports to an applicant's case
3 manager. An applicant utilizing case manager documentation to verify such
4 applicant's participation shall report daily hours spent on remote or
5 online coursework to the case manager, which must include information on
6 an applicant's attendance and progress in class. An applicant shall have
7 contact with such applicant's case manager at least weekly under this
8 method. An applicant shall submit any midterm and final grades to the
9 case manager for each school term. If an applicant fails to demonstrate
10 satisfactory progress in such applicant's remote or online coursework,
11 the applicant is not allowed to use case manager documentation and is
12 required to verify coursework hours through a method described in
13 subdivision (a) or (b) of this section.

14 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1735, Reissue Revised Statutes of
15 Nebraska, is repealed.