
DIGEST

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HB No. 7

Abstract: Expands drug testing to 20% of adult recipients of public cash assistance. Establishes a cost savings program for a drug testing program.

Present law provides for drug testing of certain adult recipients participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF). Allows the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in consultation with the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the commissioner of administration, to define which adult participants are subject to testing.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that 20% of adult recipients of the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) be drug tested. Proposed law requires that drug testing comply with standards utilized by the office of behavioral health.

Proposed law requires each participant of the FITAP program to sign a written consent form which informs the participant that, in order to receive or to continue receiving cash assistance benefits, the participant shall consent to drug testing administered by DCFS. A participant who does not sign the form granting consent to a drug test shall not be eligible to receive or to continue receiving cash assistance.

Proposed law creates a cost savings program for drug testing. Requires the secretary of DCFS to create rules and regulations that comply with the Administrative Procedure Act, to implement proposed law. Also, requires that the implementation of the drug testing program be conducted in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

Effective Jan. 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 46:460.10(A), (B), (C), and (E); Adds R.S. 46:460.10(F))