

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 360

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

WELFARE. Provides relative to the pathway to independency workforce training and education initiative. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:353(B)(2), relative to the pathway to independency workforce
3 training and education pilot initiative; to provide for program operations; to provide
4 for the geographical service area; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:353(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §353. Louisiana's pathway to independency workforce training and education pilot
8 initiative; creation; advisory board; functions

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10 B.(1) The program shall initially operate and serve participants in the
11 following parishes:

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13 (2) The geographic service area of the initiative may be expanded beyond the
14 parishes specified in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection ~~after~~ **upon the conclusion of**
15 an evaluation utilizing performance outcome driven data and information regarding
16 participant experience. The state partners and advisory board may work with the
17 local human service districts and authorities for assistance with expansion of the

1 initiative.

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DIGEST

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Present law establishes the pathway to independency workforce training and education pilot initiative for public assistance recipients for the purpose of improving employment opportunities and promoting workforce advancement.

Present law provides for an initial program service area and allows the initiative to expand beyond the area after an evaluation utilizing performance outcome driven data and information regarding participant experience.

Proposed law provides that the program may be expanded upon the conclusion of the evaluation.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 46:353(B)(2))