

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 412

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Provides relative to certain public assistance programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.4(A) and (C) and 979.4(C), (G)(introductory paragraph),  
3 and (1) and to repeal R.S. 46:460.4(D) and 979.4(I), relative to certain public  
4 assistance programs; to provide relative to laws for reforms of such programs; to  
5 provide for services for enrollees in such programs; to provide relative to  
6 requirements of enrollees in such programs; to repeal provisions for reporting on  
7 such programs; to repeal provisions requiring the legislature to adjust funding for  
8 such programs; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 46:460.4(A) and (C) and 979.4(C), (G)(introductory paragraph), and  
11 (1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §460.4. ~~Educational opportunities~~ Opportunities to promote self-sufficiency  
13 A. The legislature hereby finds that an employment-focused program ~~has~~  
14 ~~succeeded in reducing welfare rolls by focusing on~~ can be successful in conveying  
15 the importance of work as a way of escaping poverty; education and employment can  
16 give ~~welfare recipients~~ people the literacy, knowledge, and aptitudes to obtain and  
17 retain private career-path employment; that these programs retain their importance  
18 in reducing ~~welfare dependency on government benefits~~; that ~~new federal legislation~~  
19 ~~places federal policies have placed~~ an increased emphasis on employment and allows  
20 allowed the combining of employment-related activities with educational activities;

1 and that to the extent ~~that~~ they can be funded under ~~the new~~ a federal ~~welfare reform~~  
2 program without hindering ~~the~~ other federally recognized goals, they should be  
3 funded.

4 C. Within this Section, "educational activities" refers to any of the following  
5 educational activities ~~funded by the Department of Children and Family Services in~~  
6 ~~the state 1995-96 Fiscal Year, but not countable towards the federal participation~~  
7 ~~requirements of 42 U.S.C. 407 as amended in 1996~~ and services:

- 8 (1) Courses for obtaining ~~general~~ high school equivalency ~~degrees~~ diplomas.
- 9 (2) Adult ~~basic~~ education and literacy training.
- 10 (3) ~~Vocational-technical~~ Vocational and technical training.

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12 §979.4. Administration of the Louisiana First America Next Freedom and  
13 Empowerment Plan

14 \* \* \*

15 C. The department may work with any other state ~~department~~ agency in  
16 order to seek to effect the plan's purposes, and shall do so ~~with all deliberate speed~~  
17 ~~so as~~ in order to effect these ~~health care~~ healthcare reforms in a timely manner.

18 \* \* \*

19 G. An eligible individual offered health insurance access, enrolled in health  
20 insurance coverage, or allowed to create a health savings account, shall ~~affirmatively~~  
21 be required to acknowledge ~~the existence of~~ all of the following ~~facts~~:

- 22 (1) The plan ~~shall not be~~ is not a perpetual federal or state right or guaranteed  
23 entitlement.

24 \* \* \*

25 Section 2. R.S. 46:460.4(D) and 979.4(I) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to certain public assistance programs and laws for the reform of such programs.

Proposed law provides for education and workforce training services for enrollees in public assistance programs.

Proposed law provides relative to requirements of enrollees in public assistance programs.

Proposed law repeals expired date-specific provisions of present law relative to reporting on public assistance programs.

Proposed law repeals present law requiring the legislature to adjust funding for public assistance programs.

(Amends R.S. 46:460.4(A) and (C) and 979.4(C), (G)(intro. para.), and (1); Repeals R.S. 46:460.4(D) and 979.4(I))