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Short Title: Cabarrus County Workfare.

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Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CABARRUS COUNTY TO ESTABLISH AN AID TO
3	FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) AND FOOD STAMP
4	WORKFARE PILOT PROGRAM AND AN ADJUNCT DEMONSTRATION
5	PROGRAM MODIFYING THE JOBS PROGRAM.
6	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7	Section 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Department of Human
8	Resources shall designate Cabarrus County as a pilot county for the purpose of
9	conducting a demonstration Workfare Program for certain Aid to Families with
10	Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamp recipients. Immediately upon the
11	ratification of this act, the Department shall seek all federal waivers necessary to allow
12	this demonstration program. To the extent that this act or the program established
13	pursuant to it conflicts with any State law, the program supersedes that law.
14	Sec. 2. (a) The Cabarrus County demonstration Workfare Program for certain
15	AFDC and Food Stamp recipients shall:
16	(1) Provide job opportunities to all able-bodied AFDC and Food Stamp
17	recipients who:
18	a. Are not eligible for the JOBS program;
19	b. Are between the ages of 18 and 64;

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2 d. Are working less than 30 hours per week; and 3 e. Are not full-time high school students or the equivalent; 4 (2) Create job opportunities in the public, the private, nonprofit, and the 5 private, for-profit sector, primarily in the human services areas by 6 allowing Cabarrus County to use grant diversions, consisting of the 7 AFDC benefits and the cash value of Food Stamps that would be paid to 8 otherwise eligible recipients to match employer funds, to subsidize the 9 employment of these recipients. Human service area jobs will meet 10 socially necessary needs as day care work, nursing home aide 11 work, and in-home aide work; 12 (3) Allow wages paid to these recipients, which contain grant-diverted 11 funds, to be exempt from income for purposes of determining eligibility 14 for assistance; 15 (4) Structure payment of wages to these recipients such that they will be 16 considered income, in order to make recipients such that they will be 17 reatie aincome tax credit; 18 (5) Create work experience opportunities in the private sector more 19 realistically to reflect the world of work; 20 (6) Req	1		c. Are not caring for a child under one year of age;
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1	time necessary to come into compliance, second sanction period – four			
2	months, third and subsequent sanctions – eight months; and			
3	(14) Provide automatic Medicaid coverage for children and pregnant adults			
4	of sanctioned families by transferring the children administratively to			
5	the Medicaid for Indigent Children (MIC) Program and by transferring			
6	the pregnant adults administratively to the Medicaid for Pregnant			
7	Women (MPW) Program.			
8	(b) An adjunct program to the demonstration program prescribed in subsection (a)			
9	of this section shall:			
10	(1) Require AFDC recipients who are mandated JOBS participants to			
11	pursue and accept employment, full or part time, subsidized or			
12	unsubsidized, as part of their job plan. The maximum number of hours			
13	delegated to job activities, including employment, shall be 40 hours per			
14	week. AFDC recipients who are JOBS eligible and who are caring for			
15	children under five years of age shall, in this program, not be limited to			
16	20 hours per week;			
17	(2) Require AFDC recipients who are potential JOBS participants to engage			
18	in job search until either employment is found or they become JOBS			
19	eligible; and			
20	(3) Ensure that sanctions for noncompliance and provision of Medicaid			
21	coverage shall be as provided in subdivisions (13) and (14) of			
22	subsection (a) of this section.			
23	Sec. 3. This act shall be funded by Cabarrus County using the grant diversions			
24	and administrative transfers prescribed in Section 2 of this act, together with federal and			
25	State administrative funding allocated to Cabarrus County for the public assistance and			
26	JOBS programs.			
27	Sec. 3. The Department of Human Resources shall evaluate the Cabarrus			
28	County Demonstration Project and report to the General Assembly on or before March 1,			
29	1997.			
30	Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995 and shall expire on July 1,			
31	1997.			