

January 24, 1969

HOUSE FILE 68

Social Services, *Pass as amended*

*See " " 3-25 2-28
Pass 3-27
Capted 5-16*

By HOLDEN, ANDERSEN, VOORHEES,
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WALTER and LIPPOLD

Passed House, Date *3-14-69* Passed Senate, Date *5-16-69*

Vote: Ayes *107* Nays *0* Vote: Ayes *116* Nays *19*
Senate: 5-16-69
33-19

*Motion to reconsider filed 3-14
Previdid 3-18, Passed
3-21, 116-1*

A BILL FOR

*Passed House per Senate
amendment as amended 5-20
106-0
Passed Senate per above 5-22
38-10.
Motion to reconsider tabled*

- 1 An Act relating to allowance of assistance for families of
- 2 dependent children, disabled persons, and elderly persons.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-nine point five
- 5 (239.5), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred nine
- 6 (209), section two hundred eighty-eight (288), Acts of the
- 7 Sixty-second General Assembly, is hereby amended as follows:
- 8 1. By inserting in line thirty-seven (37) after the period
- 9 the following:
- 10 "In fixing the amount of assistance for any child, the
- 11 county board, in conformity with rules issued by the state
- 12 division, may disregard a reasonable amount of the child's
- 13 own earnings and may allow a reasonable amount of income and
- 14 resources to be conserved for future educational needs of the
- 15 child."

1 2. By adding thereto the following:

2 "No payment for aid to children in need because of the un-
3 employment of the parent shall be made if the parent is cap-
4 able of employment and refuses offered employment without good
5 cause, but it shall be good cause for refusing employment if
6 said parent is solely responsible for the care of children in
7 the home who are too young or otherwise unable to attend
8 school.

9 The county board, under the supervision of the state divi-
10 sion, shall establish services to help families receiving
11 assistance for dependent children to become self-supporting,
12 and shall cooperate with other departments of government, or
13 with private agencies, to secure employment, education and
14 vocational training services for such families. The board,
15 in conformity with rules issued by the state division, may
16 exempt a reasonable amount of such family's earnings for a
17 period not to exceed twelve months, if it appears that such
18 exemption will encourage the family to become self-supporting."

19 Sec. 2. Section two hundred forty-one A point three
20 (241A.3), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred nine
21 (209), section three hundred sixteen (316), Acts of the Sixty-
22 second General Assembly, is hereby amended by adding thereto
23 the following:

24 "The county board, in conformity with rules issued by the
25 state division, may exempt a reasonable amount of such per-
26 son's earnings for a period not to exceed twelve months, in
27 order to encourage such person to become self-supporting.
28 The board, under the supervision of the state division, shall
29 cooperate with other departments of government, or with
30 private agencies, to secure employment, education and voca-
31 tional training services for such persons."

32 Sec. 3. Section two hundred forty-nine point six (249.6),
33 subsection eight (8), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two
34 hundred nine (209), section three hundred ninety (390), sub-
35 section two (2), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly,

1 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

2 "Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide
3 a reasonable subsistence, because of age, infirmity or in-
4 ability to procure suitable employment."

5 Sec. 4. Section two hundred forty-nine point seven (249.7),
6 Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred twenty-two (222),
7 section one (1), and chapter two hundred nine (209), section
8 three hundred ninety-one (391), Acts of the Sixty-second Gen-
9 eral Assembly, is hereby repealed and the following enacted
10 in lieu thereof:

11 "The amount of assistance which any person shall receive
12 under this chapter shall be determined with due regard to
13 the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual
14 and the conditions in such cases; and in accordance with the
15 rules and regulations made by the state department of social
16 services; and shall be sufficient, when added to all other
17 income and support of the recipient, to provide such person
18 with a reasonable subsistence. In fixing the amount of such
19 assistance, a reasonable amount of current earnings may be
20 exempted, in order to encourage a person to contribute to his
21 own support."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 68

The purpose of this bill is to give the county board, under supervision of the department of social services, authority to take effective action to encourage welfare assistance recipients to become self-supporting. By allowing the actual amount of income, which may be exempted to be set by departmental rule, it can be adjusted to conform to cost-of-living and other factors, and to comply with guidelines set by federal assistance programs, if necessary.

Included are provisions to encourage employment for parents of dependent children by preventing them from refusing offered employment without good cause, and by encouraging the utilization of all available resources for obtaining such employment. It also seemed desirable to remove the \$300 per year eligibility requirement for old age assistance recipients, in section 249.6, and use the basis of a reasonable subsistence level, consistent with the other programs. Section 249.7 of the old age assistance chapter is repealed and reenacted because of conflicting prior amendments.

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- 1 Amend House File 68 by adding thereto the following:
 - 2 "Sec. 5. Section two hundred forty-nine point nine (249.9),
 - 3 Code 1966, is hereby amended by adding thereto the follow-
 - 4 ing paragraph:
 - 5 "Notwithstanding any provision in this section, no person
 - 6 shall be denied assistance because of the fact that the
 - 7 claimant has made prior arrangements for funeral expenses in
 - 8 an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

Filed - *adopted 3-18*
March 14, 1969

GOODE of Appanoose-Davis

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- 1 Amend House File 68, section one (1), subsection two
 - 2 (2), page two (2), by striking lines two (2) through
 - 3 eight (8).
 - 4 Further amend section one (1), subsection two (2),
 - 5 page two (2), by striking in lines sixteen (16), seventeen
 - 6 (17) and eighteen (18) the words "for a period not to exceed
 - 7 twelve (12) months if it appears that such exemptions will
 - 8 encourage the family to become self-supporting".
 - 9 Further amend section two (2), page (2), by striking
 - 10 in line twenty-six (26) the words "for a period not to
 - 11 exceed twelve months".

*Senate
Concerned
5-22*

Filed - *adopted 3-21*
March 19, 1969

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
EDGAR H. HOLDEN, Chairman

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- 1 Amend House File 68 as follows:
 - 2 Amend House File 68, page 3, line 14, by striking all
 - 3 after the semi-colon, and by striking line 15, and in line
 - 4 16 striking the word "services;".

Filed and lost
March 21, 1969

SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie

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- 1 Amend House File 68 as follows:
 - 2 Amend House File 68, page 3, line 14, by striking all
 - 3 after the semi-colon, and by striking line 15, and in line
 - 4 16 striking the word "services;".

Filed and lost
March 21, 1969

SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie

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- 1 Amend House File 68 by striking the words "state division"
 - 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "state department of
 - 3 social services" as follows:
 - 4 1. Page one (1), lines eleven (11) and twelve (12).
 - 5 2. Page two (2), lines nine (9) and ten (10), line fifteen (15),
 - 6 line twenty-five (25), and line twenty-eight (28).

Filed - *adopted 3-21*
February 28, 1969

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
EDGAR H. HOLDEN, Chairman

1 Amend House File 68, section 1, page 1, by striking lines
2 eight (8) through fifteen (15) and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 By striking lines twenty-eight (28) through fifty (50) and
5 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 "The county board shall, on the basis of the standards and
7 regulations established by the state department of social services,
8 fix the amount of assistance necessary for any dependent child. In
9 determining the amount of assistance needed the county board shall
10 take into consideration the income and resources of any child or
11 relative claiming assistance under this chapter. In determining
12 the income to be considered in the computation of the assistance
13 grant the county board shall, for the purpose of providing an
14 incentive for employment, exempt the income of the dependent child
15 and relative in accordance with the provisions of title four (IV),
16 section four hundred two (402), of the federal social security
17 Act, as amended. The term 'income' as used herein means that in-
18 come remaining after the deduction of the expenses reasonably
19 attributable to the earning or securing of that income. Assistance,
20 when granted, shall be paid to an adult person or a person eighteen
21 years of age or older within the specified degrees of relationship
22 and with whom the child is living, from the fund for aid to de-
23 dependent children established by this chapter, upon the order of
24 the state department of social services."

Filed - *adopted 3-14*
February 28, 1969

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
EDGAR H. HOLDEN, Chairman

1 Amend the Senate amendment to House File 68 by striking
2 from lines one hundred twenty (120) through one hundred twenty-
3 three (123) the following ", either because adequate child care
4 facilities are not available or because the absence of the person
5 would be seriously harmful to a child in the home".

Filed and adopted
May 20, 1969

Senate concurred 5-22
McCARTNEY of Floyd

1 Amend the Senate amendment to House File 68, line
2 ninety-two (92), by striking the words "five hundred"
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "seven hundred
4 fifty".

Filed and adopted
May 20, 1969

Senate concurred 5-22
GOODE of Appanoose-Davis

1 Amend House File 68 by striking the words "state division"
2 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "state department of
3 social services" as follows:
4 1. Page one (1), lines eleven (11) and twelve (12).
5 2. Page two (2), lines nine (9) and ten (10), line fifteen (15),
6 line twenty-five (25), and line twenty-eight (28).

Filed - *adopted 3-14*
February 28, 1969

Senate concurred 5-22
COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
EDGAR H. HOLDEN, Chairman

FISCAL NOTE
HOUSE FILE 68

Date prepared April 1, 1969

Requested by Senator Kosek.

Prepared in regard to House File 68, a bill for an act relating to allowance for assistance for families of dependent children, disabled persons and elderly persons.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Rule 47: No additional cost to the state.*

*Source: Carroll Price, Department of Social Services.

Filed
April 3, 1969

GERRY D. RANKIN
Legislative Fiscal Director

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT
TO HOUSE FILE 68

- 1 Amend the Senate Amendment to House File 68 as follows:
- 2 1. Section 5 by striking from line seven (7) the
- 3 words "five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 4 words "seven hundred fifty".
- 5 2. Section 6 by striking from paragraph f. the
- 6 following: ", either because adequate child care facilities
- 7 are not available or because the absence of the person would
- 8 be seriously harmful to a child in the home".

- 1 Amend House File 68 by adding the following new section:
- 2 "Each county shall participate in federal commodity or food stamp
- 3 program. Each county participating in a federal commodity or food
- 4 stamp program, which administers food stamps, surplus foods, or other
- 5 commodities, made available by the federal government for the distri-
bution
- 6 to needy persons shall designate one location for receipt of such surplus
- 7 foods, food stamps, or other commodities in all municipal corporations.
- 8 Additional locations shall be designated for each additional twenty-
- 9 five thousand persons residing in such municipal corporations. Each
- 10 county shall distribute stamps, food, or other commodities at least once
- 11 every ten days from such locations. Each county shall prescribe the
days
- 12 and hours such locations shall be open".

Filed and adopted ✓
May 16, 1969

By WALSH

- 1 Amend the Stanley, et al., amendment to House File 68
- 2 as follows:
- 3 1. On line 125 by striking the word "required" and
- 4 inserting in lieu thereof the word "encouraged".
- 5 2. On line 157 by striking the word "required" and
- 6 inserting in lieu thereof the word "encouraged".
- 7 3. By striking all of line 162 and by striking on
- 8 line 163 the word "assistance."

Filed and lost
May 16, 1969

By GLENN

HOUSE FILE 68

1 Amend House File 68 by striking all after the enacting
2 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-nine point five
4 (239.5), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred nine
5 (209), section two hundred eighty-eight (288), Acts of the
6 Sixty-second General Assembly, is amended by striking
7 lines 28 through 43 and all of line 44 through the period,
8 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "The county board, in accordance with rules and standards
10 established by the state department of social services,
11 shall fix the amount of assistance necessary for any dependent
12 child. In determining the amount of assistance, the county
13 board shall take into consideration the income and resources
14 of any child or relative claiming assistance under this
15 chapter. However, in fixing the amount of assistance
16 for any child or family, the county board, in accordance
17 with rules established by the state department of social
18 services, may disregard a reasonable amount of the income
19 of the child or the family, in order to encourage the family
20 or any of its members to become self-supporting. The term
21 'income' as used herein means income remaining after deduction
22 of expenses reasonably attributable to the earning or securing
23 of that income.

24 The county board, under the supervision of the state
25 department of social services, shall establish services to
26 help families and persons receiving assistance under this
27 chapter to become self-supporting; shall participate in the
28 work and training program established by this Act; and shall
29 cooperate with other public agencies and with private agencies
30 to secure employment, education, and vocational training
31 for members of such families."

32 Sec. 2. Section two hundred forty-one A point three
33 (241A.3), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred nine
34 (209), section three hundred sixteen (316), Acts of the
35 Sixty-second General Assembly, is amended by adding the
36 following:

37 "In fixing the amount of assistance, the county board,
38 in accordance with rules established by the state department
39 of social services, may disregard a reasonable amount of a
40 person's earnings in order to encourage the person to become
41 self-supporting.

42 The county board, under the supervision of the state
43 department of social services, shall establish services
44 to help persons receiving assistance under this chapter to
45 become self-supporting; shall participate in the work and
46 training program established by this Act; and shall cooperate
47 with other public agencies and with private agencies to
48 secure employment, education, and vocational training for
49 such persons and their families."

50 Sec. 3. Section two hundred forty-nine point six

*adapted
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51 (249.6), Subsection eight (8), Code 1966, as amended by
52 chapter two hundred nine (209), section three hundred ninety
53 (390), subsection two (2), Acts of the Sixty-second General
54 Assembly, is repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

55 "Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide
56 a reasonable subsistence, because of age, infirmity or in-
57 ability to procure suitable employment."

58 Sec. 4. Section two hundred forty-nine point seven
59 (249.7), Code 1966, as amended by chapter two hundred
60 twenty-two (222), section one (1), and chapter two hundred
61 nine (209), section three hundred ninety-one (391), Acts
62 of the Sixty-second General Assembly, is repealed and the
63 following enacted in lieu thereof:

64 "The amount of assistance which any person shall
65 receive under this chapter shall be determined with due
66 regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the
67 individual and the conditions in such cases, and in accordance
68 with rules established by the state department of social
69 services; and shall be sufficient, when added to all other
70 income and support of the recipient, to provide such person
71 with a reasonable subsistence. In fixing the amount of
72 assistance, a reasonable amount of the earnings of the
73 person may be disregarded in order to encourage the person
74 to contribute to his own support.

75 The county board, under the supervision of the state
76 department of social services, shall establish services
77 to help persons receiving assistance under this chapter to
78 contribute to their own support; shall participate in the
79 work and training program established by this Act; and
80 shall cooperate with other public agencies and with private
81 agencies to secure, where appropriate, employment, education,
82 and vocational training for such persons and their families."

83 Sec. 5. Section two hundred forty-nine point nine
84 (249.9), Code 1966, is amended by adding the following paragraph:

85 "Notwithstanding any provision of this section, no
86 person shall be denied assistance because of the fact that
87 the person has made prior arrangements for funeral expenses
88 in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars."

89 Sec. 6. For the purposes of sections six (6) through
90 twenty-two (22) of this Act:

91 1. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of social
92 services, or his designee.

93 2. "Department" means the department of social services.

94 3. "Training" includes appropriate education.

95 4. "Public assistance" means aid or assistance under
96 chapter two hundred thirty-nine (239), two hundred forty-
97 one A (241A), or two hundred forty-nine (249) of the Code.

98 5. "Eligible person" includes each person who is
99 receiving public assistance or who lives in the same household
100 as a recipient of public assistance and whose needs are taken
101 into account in determining the assistance payment. However,

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102 the following are not "eligible persons" unless they
103 voluntarily request to be included:

104 a. A person who is under the age of sixteen years.

105 b. A person who has attained the age of sixty-five years.

106 c. A person whose health or disability does not permit
107 any kind of work or training.

108 d. A person who is already engaged in an adequate
109 full-time program of work, training, or school.

110 e. A person who is required to be present and is
111 actually present in the home on a substantially continuous
112 basis because of the illness or incapacity of another member
113 of the household.

114 f. A person who is required to be present and is
115 actually present in the home on a substantially continuous
116 basis for the purpose of child care, either because adequate
117 child care facilities are not available or because the absence
118 of the person would be seriously harmful to a child in the
119 home.

120 Sec. 7. It is the policy of this state that public
121 assistance programs shall, to the maximum possible extent,
122 be programs of rehabilitation rather than mere support.
123 Persons and members of families receiving public assistance
124 shall be helped to become self-supporting, and shall be
125 required to engage in work and training to the extent
126 provided in this Act. This Act shall be interpreted and
127 administered to carry out this policy.

128 Sec. 8. The commissioner shall establish a work and
129 training program for persons and members of families receiving
130 public assistance. The employment security commission, the
131 Iowa state employment service, all county boards and
132 departments of social welfare, and all state, county, and
133 public educational agencies and institutions providing
134 vocational rehabilitation, adult education, or vocational
135 or technical training shall assist and cooperate in the
136 program. They shall make agreements and arrangements for
137 maximum cooperation and use of all available resources in the
138 program. By mutual agreement the commissioner may delegate
139 any of his powers and duties under this Act to the employment
140 security commission or the Iowa state employment service.

141 Sec. 9. The program shall provide for maximum cooperation
142 with and participation in federal programs having similar
143 purposes, but the state work and training program shall
144 continue whether or not federal programs and federal funds
145 are available.

146 Sec. 10. The program shall include, but not be limited
147 to:

148 1. Placing eligible persons in employment and on-
149 the-job training.

150 2. Institutional and work experience training for
151 eligible persons for whom such training is likely to lead
152 to regular employment.

153 3. Special work projects for eligible persons for
154 whom a job in the regular economy cannot be found.

155 4. Incentives, opportunities, and services to aid
156 eligible persons.

157 Sec. 11. Each eligible person shall be required to
158 participate in the work and training program, to cooperate
159 fully in the program, and to accept any **reasonably suitable**
160 employment, training, or education offered to him in connection
161 with the program, as a condition of receiving public assistance.
162 If he fails or refuses to do so, he shall not receive public
163 assistance. His disqualification shall not disqualify other
164 members of his family who are entitled to public assistance,
165 but their public assistance shall not be paid to the dis-
166 qualified person and shall be paid in a manner which will
167 not permit the disqualified person to have access to the
168 assistance funds. A person shall not be disqualified for
169 public assistance if it is impossible to arrange suitable
170 work or training for him.

171 Sec. 12. Work or training may be furnished by public or
172 private agencies, organizations, or companies, under rules
173 adopted by the commissioner.

174 Sec. 13. The commissioner shall establish and maintain
175 reasonable standards for health, safety, and other conditions
176 under the work and training program.

177 Sec. 14. Each eligible person, with respect to work per-
178 formed under this Act, shall be covered by the workmen's
179 compensation law or shall otherwise be provided with compa-
180 rable protection.

181 Sec. 15. If earnings are received by an eligible person
182 for work under the program, all or part of the earnings may
183 be applied to reduce the cost of public assistance to the
184 person or his family, under rules adopted by the commissioner.
185 However, the commissioner may permit the eligible person to
186 retain a reasonable part of his earnings as an incentive pay-
187 ment, without reduction of public assistance.

188 Sec. 16. In determining needs for public assistance, ex-
189 penses and needs reasonably related to work or training under
190 the program shall be taken into account.

191 Sec. 17. When needed, arrangements shall be made for the
192 care of children during the absence from the home of a person
193 participating in work or training under the program.

194 Sec. 18. Eligible persons and their families shall be
195 offered other social services which the commissioner deems
196 advisable.

197 Sec. 19. For the purposes of the work and training program,
198 the commissioner may use or transfer to any other agency any of
199 the funds appropriated for public assistance and any other funds
200 lawfully available. State and federal funds allocated to
201 the program by the commissioner and the employment security
202 commission shall be at least equal to five percent of the
203 total state and federal funds available to the department

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204 for assistance under chapter two hundred thirty-nine (239)
205 of the Code, unless the commissioner determines that a
206 lesser amount is sufficient to provide an adequate work
207 and training program for all eligible persons.

208 Sec. 20. The commissioner shall adopt rules to
209 implement this Act and achieve its purposes.

210 Sec. 21. No eligible person shall be deemed to be
211 an employee of the state or any of its subdivisions by
212 reason of his participation in the work and training program.
213 However, this section shall not prevent him from having
214 the status of an employee for the purposes of workmen's
215 compensation.

216 Sec. 22. If it is finally determined that any provision
217 of this Act would cause the work and training program to be
218 ineligible for federal financial assistance which the state
219 would otherwise receive, such provision may be suspended or
220 modified to the extent which is essential to obtain such
221 assistance.

222 Further Amend House File 68, page one (1), by striking
223 the period at the end of line two (2) of the title and
224 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

225 “; incentives for such persons to become self-supporting;
226 and a work and training program for such persons.”

Filed
May 15, 1969

By STANLEY, SMITH, LODWICK, CONKLIN,
DeKOSTER, LANGE, POTGETER, KOSEK,
MESSERLY, PARKER, SULLIVAN, LAMBORN,
FLATT, FREY, CURRAN, BALLOUN, POTTER
and O'MALLEY

HOUSE CLIP SHEET

Tuesday, May 20, 1969

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 68

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8 twenty-eight (28) through forty-three (43) and all of line
9 forty-four (44) through the period, and inserting in lieu
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14 dependednt child. In determining the amount of assistance,
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16 resources of any child or relative claiming assistance under
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19 rules established by the state department of social services,
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21 or the family, in order to encourage the family or any of its
22 members to become self-supporting. The term 'income' as used
23 herein means income remaining after deduction of expenses
24 reasonably attributable to the earning or securing of that
25 income.

26 The county board, under the supervision of the state
27 department of social services, shall establish services to
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45 department of social services, shall establish services
46 to help persons receiving assistance under this chapter to

*House concerned
lines 1 through 225
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92 in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars."

93 Sec. 6. For the purposes of sections six (6) through
94 twenty-two (22) of this Act:

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104 hold as a recipient of public assistance and whose needs are taken
105 into account in determining the assistance payment. However,
106 the following are not "eligible persons" unless they volun-
107 tarily request to be included:

108 a. A person who is under the age of sixteen years.

109 b. A person who has attained the age of sixty-five years.

110 c. A person whose health or disability does not permit
111 any kind of work or training.

112 d. A person who is already engaged in an adequate
113 full-time program of work, training, or school.

114 e. A person who is required to be present and is
115 actually present in the home on a substantially continuous
116 basis because of the illness or incapacity of another member
117 of the household.

118 f. A person who is required to be present and is
119 actually present in the home on a substantially continuous
120 basis for the purpose of child care, either because adequate
121 child care facilities are not available or because the absence
122 of the person would be seriously harmful to a child in the
123 home.

124 Sec. 7. It is the policy of this state that public
125 assistance programs shall, to the maximum possible extent,
126 be programs of rehabilitation rather than mere support.
127 Persons and members of families receiving public assistance
128 shall be helped to become self-supporting, and shall be
129 required to engage in work and training to the extent pro-
130 vided in this Act. This Act shall be interpreted and
131 administered to carry out this policy.

132 Sec. 8. The commissioner shall establish a work and
133 training program for persons and members of families receiving
134 public assistance. The employment security commission, the
135 Iowa state employment service, all county boards and depart-
136 ments of social welfare, and all state, county, and public
137 educational agencies and institutions providing vocational
138 rehabilitation, adult education, or vocational or technical
139 training shall assist and cooperate in the program. They
140 shall make agreements and arrangements for maximum cooperation
141 and use of all available resources in the program. By mutual
142 agreement the commissioner may delegate any of his powers and
143 duties under this Act to the employment security commission
144 or the Iowa state employment service.

145 Sec. 9. The program shall provide for maximum cooperation
146 with and participation in federal programs having similar pur-
147 poses, but the state work and training program shall continue
148 whether or not federal programs and federal funds are available.

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149 Sec. 10. The program shall include, but not be limited
150 to:

151 1. Placing eligible persons in employment and one-the-job
152 training.

153 2. Institutional and work experience training for
154 eligible persons for whom such training is likely to lead
155 to regular employment.

156 3. Special work projects for eligible persons for
157 whom a job in the regular economy cannot be found.

158 4. Incentives, opportunities, and services to aid
159 eligible persons.

160 Sec. 11. Each eligible person shall be required to
161 participate in the work and training program, to cooperate
162 fully in the program, and to accept any reasonably suitable
163 employment, training, or education offered to him in con-
164 nection with the program, as a condition of receiving public
165 assistance. If he fails or refuses to do so, he shall not
166 receive public assistance. His disqualification shall not disqualify
167 other members of his family who are entitled to public
168 assistance, but their public assistance shall not be paid
169 to the disqualified person and shall be paid in a manner
170 which will not permit the disqualified person to have access to
171 the assistance funds. A person shall not be disqualified
172 for public assistance if it is impossible to arrange suitable
173 work or training for him.

174 Sec. 12. Work or training may be furnished by public
175 or private agencies, organizations, or companies, under
176 rules adopted by the commissioner.

177 Sec. 13. The commissioner shall establish and maintain
178 reasonable standards for health, safety, and other conditions
179 under the work and training program.

180 Sec. 14. Each eligible person, with respect to work
181 performed under this Act, shall be covered by the workmen's
182 compensation law or shall otherwise be provided with comparable
183 protection.

184 Sec. 15. If earnings are received by an eligible person
185 for work under the program, all or part of the earnings may be
186 be applied to reduce the cost of public assistance to the
187 person or his family, under rules adopted by the commissioner.
188 However, the commissioner may permit the eligible person to
189 retain a reasonable part of his earnings as an incentive pay-
190 ment, without reduction of public assistance.

191 Sec. 16. In determining needs for public assistance,
192 expenses and needs reasonably related to work or training
193 under the program shall be taken into account.

194 Sec. 17. When needed, arrangements shall be made for
195 the care of children during the absence from the home of a
196 person participating in work or training under the program.

197 Sec. 18. Eligible persons and their families shall be
198 offered other social services which the commissioner deems
199 advisable.

200 Sec. 19. For the purposes of the work and training
201 program, the commissioner may use or transfer to any other agency
202 any of the funds appropriated for public assistance and any
203 other funds lawfully available. State and federal funds
204 allocated to the program by the commissioner and the employment
205 security commission shall be at least equal to five percent
206 of the total state and federal funds available to the depart-
207 ment for assistance under chapter two hundred thirty-nine
208 (239) of the Code, unless the commissioner determines that a
209 lesser amount is sufficient to provide an adequate work
210 and training program for all eligible persons.

211 Sec. 20. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement
212 this Act and achieve its purposes.

213 Sec. 21. No eligible person shall be deemed to
214 be an employee of the state or any of its subdivisions by
215 reason of his participation in the work and training program.
216 However, this section shall not prevent him from having
217 the status of an employee for the purposes of workmen's
218 compensation.

219 Sec. 22. If it is finally determined that any provision
220 of this Act would cause the work and training program to be
221 ineligible for federal financial assistance which the state
222 would otherwise receive, such provision may be suspended or
223 modified to the extent which is essential to obtain such
224 assistance.

225 Sec. 23. Each county shall participate in federal commodity
226 or food stamp program. Each county participating in a federal
227 commodity or food stamp program, which administers food stamps,
228 surplus foods, or other commodities, made available by the
229 federal government for the distribution to needy persons shall
230 designate one location for receipt of such surplus foods, food
231 stamps, or other commodities in all municipal corporations.
232 Additional locations shall be designated for each additional
233 twenty-five thousand persons residing in such municipal corporations.
234 Each county shall distribute stamps, food, or other commodities
235 at least every ten days from such locations. Each county
236 shall prescribe the days and hours such locations shall be open.

237 2. Page 1, by striking the period at the end of line 2 of the
238 title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

239 “; incentives for such persons to become self-supporting;
240 and a work and training program for such persons.”

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