

Senate Study Bill 3135

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act revising family investment program requirements for
2 limited benefit plans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 239B.9, subsection 1, paragraph b,
1 2 subparagraph (2), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 (2) A limited benefit plan subsequent to a first limited
1 4 benefit plan chosen by the same individual participant shall
1 5 provide for a ~~six-month specified~~ period of ineligibility of
1 6 ~~six months or less~~ beginning with the effective date of the
1 7 limited benefit plan and continuing indefinitely following the
1 8 ~~six-month specified~~ period until the individual participant
1 9 completes significant contact with or action in regard to the
1 10 JOBS program. The department shall adopt rules defining the
1 11 circumstances for which a particular period of ineligibility
1 12 will be specified.

1 13 Sec. 2. Section 239B.9, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
1 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 15 b. A participant who chooses a subsequent limited benefit
1 16 plan may reconsider that choice at any time following the
1 17 ~~required~~ period of ineligibility specified in accordance with
1 18 subsection 1.

EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill revises the family investment program (FIP) and
1 20 promoting independence and self-sufficiency through employment
1 21 job opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE JOBS) program
1 22 requirements for limited benefit plans. The PROMISE JOBS
1 23 program is the work and training component of FIP.

1 24 Under current law, Code section 239B.9 outlines the
1 25 requirements for a limited benefit plan that is applied if a
1 26 FIP participant chooses not to sign a family investment
1 27 agreement or fulfill the terms of the agreement. A limited
1 28 benefit plan is defined to mean a period of time in which a
1 29 FIP participant or a member of a participant family is either
1 30 eligible for reduced cash assistance only or ineligible for
1 31 any assistance under FIP. Current law provides that a first
1 32 limited benefit plan continues indefinitely until the
1 33 participant completes significant contact with or action
1 34 regarding the PROMISE JOBS program. Current law also provides
2 1 that a subsequent limited benefit plan applies for at least
2 2 six months and then continues until the participant completes
2 3 significant contact with or action regarding the PROMISE JOBS
2 4 program.

2 5 The bill removes the minimum six-month ineligibility period
2 6 currently required for subsequent limited benefit plans.
2 7 Instead, the bill provides the ineligibility period applies
2 8 for six months or less as specified according to circumstances
2 9 to be outlined in administrative rules adopted by the
2 10 department.

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