

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 686

(Third Reading File Bill, Second Printing)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 11, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to establish a Job Skills Enhancement Pilot Program:”.

On page 2, in line 2, after the semicolon insert “repealing a certain cost-neutrality provision;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 15 down through “reports” in line 17, inclusive, and substitute “providing that certain funds may not revert to a certain account”; and after line 29, insert:

“BY adding to

Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
Section 53A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)”.

On page 3, after line 3, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 490 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995
Section 2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, strike line 9 in its entirety; and in lines 10 and 12, strike “(8)” and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(7)” and “(8)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, after line 11, insert:

(Over)

“53A.

(A) THE SECRETARY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIRECTORS OF LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SHALL ESTABLISH A JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST THREE COUNTIES, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN WESTERN MARYLAND, SOUTHERN MARYLAND, OR THE EASTERN SHORE, TO PROVIDE NEWLY EMPLOYED CURRENT AND FORMER FIP RECIPIENTS WITH TRAINING IN ORDER FOR THEM TO:

(1) ENHANCE THEIR EXISTING JOB-RELATED SKILLS;

(2) GAIN ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE JOB SKILLS; OR

(3) LEARN INTERPERSONAL, COMMUNICATION, AND OTHER RELATED SKILLS.

(B) THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SHALL TARGET UNSKILLED AND SEMISKILLED FORMER AND CURRENT FIP RECIPIENTS WHO ARE NEWLY EMPLOYED IN ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS THAT HAVE LIMITED POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT BEYOND ENTRY LEVEL.

(C) (1) PARTICIPATION IN THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE VOLUNTARY.

(2) INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SHALL SIGN A TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

(D) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

(1) HAVE BEEN A FIP RECIPIENT WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 18 MONTHS OF THE DATE THE INDIVIDUAL PROPOSES TO BEGIN PARTICIPATION IN THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM;

(2) HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN ENTRY-LEVEL EMPLOYMENT FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE INDIVIDUAL PROPOSES TO BEGIN

PARTICIPATION IN THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM;

(3) PROVIDE EMPLOYER VALIDATION OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS;

(4) POSSESS LIMITED JOB SKILLS; AND

(5) HAVE LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT IN CURRENT EMPLOYMENT.

(E) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT FOR TRAINING SERVICES THAT ARE TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, AS PROVIDED IN § 47(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) (1) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR THROUGH THE STATE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA SYSTEM UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA).

(2) AS PART OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR PERSONS AT A SERVICE DELIVERY AREA LOCATION SHALL:

(I) MANAGE EACH PARTICIPANT'S TRAINING PLAN;

(II) MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF APPROPRIATE TRAINING VENDORS; AND

(III) COMPILE NECESSARY FISCAL REPORTS ON THE JOB SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 12, after line 30, insert:

(Over)

“Chapter 490 of the Acts of 1995

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that [the Child Support Reinvestment Fund should be a cost-neutral program and that any State monies invested in the Fund should be offset by an increase in AFDC child support collections retained by the State] ANY REINVESTMENT FUND EXPENDITURES GENERATE AN INCREASE IN TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS EQUIVALENT TO TWICE THE AMOUNT OF INCENTIVE DOLLARS EXPENDED. The Department of Human Resources shall include in its annual budget submission information on the amount of federal dollars realized as a result of the fund.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 14, in line 32, strike the period and substitute a semicolon.

On page 15, in line 12, after the semicolon insert “and”; strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14; in line 15, strike “(3)” and substitute “(2)”; and in line 16, after “system” insert “where appropriate”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 16, in line 10, strike “and”; after line 10, insert:

“(4) the feasibility of a procedure for resolving complaints regarding the denial of benefits that pertain to the fraudulent application for, and fraudulent receipt of, Family Investment Program assistance identified through the finger imaging; and”;

in line 11, strike “(4)” and substitute “(5)”; and after line 16, insert:

“SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-310(f)(1) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the unspent balance of funds appropriated to the Dedicated Purpose Account for the Family Investment Program may not revert to the Revenue Stabilization Account even if those funds are unspent 4 years after the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-310(f)(1) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the unspent balance of funds appropriated to the Dedicated Purpose Account for the Purchase of Child Care Program may not revert to the Revenue Stabilization Account even if those funds are unspent 4 years after the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 17, in line 3, strike “7.” and substitute “9.”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike “9.” and substitute “10.”; and in line 18, strike “7” and substitute “9”.