

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “providing” in line 5 down through the semicolon in line 7; in line 12, after the semicolon, insert “repealing a certain provision pertaining to a certain consultant for the Pilot Program;”; in line 14, after the semicolon, insert “authorizing the Secretary, in consultation with certain directors of certain local departments of social services, to expand child support enforcement demonstration sites to additional jurisdictions;”; in line 15, after the semicolon, insert “stating the intent of the General Assembly with regard to certain demonstration sites and with regard to continuation of Medicaid benefits under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Human Resources to submit a certain report; requiring that the Secretary of Budget and Management establish a hiring program for welfare recipients; requiring certain reports on the hiring of welfare recipients;”; and in line 25, after “10-119.1” insert “and 10-119.2(a) through (f)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 1, after “contractor” insert “AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL GUIDELINES”.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 7, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 10, insert:

“10-119.2.

(a) In this section, “demonstration site” means the jurisdiction selected by the Secretary of Human Resources, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE JURISDICTION, to compete against privatized jurisdictions in providing child support enforcement services.

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(b) The Secretary shall establish a child support enforcement demonstration site in AT LEAST one BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX [jurisdiction] JURISDICTIONS for the purpose of competing against a privatized jurisdiction as established in § 10-119.1 of this subtitle.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall appoint a director of child support services in the demonstration site who shall report directly to the Executive Director of the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall have sole authority over the child support enforcement functions in the demonstration site, including but not limited to:

(1) location of parents;

(2) establishing paternities;

(3) establishing child support orders;

(4) collecting and disbursing support payments;

(5) reviewing and modifying child support orders;

(6) enforcing support obligations;

(7) providing legal representation to clients; and

(8) establishing contractual agreements with private or public entities to provide child support services.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary shall have the authority to sever contractual agreements with a State's Attorney and hire private counsel to provide legal representation for the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

(f) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all employees hired in [the] A demonstration site [after October 1, 1995] shall be in the management service or special appointments in the State Personnel Management System.

(2) If a position in the demonstration site is held by a classified service employee [on September 30, 1995], the position remains a classified service position or its equivalent in the State Personnel Management System until the position becomes vacant, at which time the position shall become a management service or special appointment position.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, strike beginning with “the” in line 17 down through “fund” in line 18 and substitute “the funding for”; in line 19, strike “. The amount of the funds”; strike beginning with “If” in line 22 down through “reasons.” in line 25; after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the demonstration sites authorized by § 10-119.2 of the Family Law Article represent a mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Budget and Management, with assistance provided by the Secretary of Human Resources, develop and implement a plan for hiring welfare recipients by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State Government. Components of the plan shall include, for each agency: the units that could most easily hire welfare clients; the positions most suitable for the welfare population; a proposal for recruiting welfare clients; job retention strategies; and a target number of clients to be hired. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, no later than November 1, 1999, on the development of the plan for hiring welfare recipients, and annually thereafter on the number of welfare recipients hired and retained by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State Government.”;

and in line 26, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”.