

SENATE FILE NO. SF0118

Personal opportunity with employment responsibilities.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Craft and Representative(s)
Connolly

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the personal opportunity with employment
2 responsibilities (POWER) program; amending eligibility
3 criteria; amending sanctions for noncompliance with a self-
4 sufficiency plan; amending beneficiary reporting
5 requirements; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-103(e)(iv)(intro) and (v) is
10 amended to read:

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12 **42-2-103. Provision of assistance and services;**
13 **duties of department; burial assistance; state supplemental**
14 **security income program.**

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1 (e) In administering this section and in addition to
2 other requirements imposed under this chapter and the
3 Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act and federal
4 rule and regulation, the department shall by rule and
5 regulation:

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7 (iv) Establish only one (1) earned income
8 disregard for determining assistance payable under W.S.
9 42-2-104 at ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ six hundred
10 dollars (\$600.00) per month for any one (1) recipient. ~~For~~
11 ~~married couples the earned income disregard shall be four~~
12 ~~hundred dollars (\$400.00) per month.~~ The department may in
13 addition establish an additional individual earned income
14 disregard tailored to the individual person as part of that
15 person's self-sufficiency plan developed pursuant to
16 paragraph (v) of this subsection, provided:

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18 (v) In accordance with guidelines and criteria
19 prescribed by rule and regulation of the department and
20 unless otherwise qualifying for a good cause exemption
21 pursuant to rule and regulation of the department, require
22 the development of and adherence to a self-sufficiency plan
23 with guidelines and assistance provided by the department,

1 as a condition for benefit eligibility under the personal
2 opportunities with employment responsibilities (POWER)
3 program. A self-sufficiency plan including timely
4 completion of an approved educational program complying
5 with W.S. 42-2-109(a) shall be deemed to meet the
6 requirements of this subsection if adhered to. Any person
7 not qualifying for a good cause exemption and failing to
8 comply with this paragraph shall be sanctioned,~~to include~~
9 ~~disqualification~~ under the personal opportunities with
10 employment responsibilities (POWER) program. ~~and be~~
11 ~~disqualified from receiving benefits under the supplemental~~
12 ~~nutrition assistance and medical assistance programs. The~~
13 ~~sanction shall be established at a level which would~~
14 ~~continue to assure children in a noncompliance household~~
15 ~~would be eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance~~
16 ~~program benefits and Medicaid.~~ Subject to procedure
17 prescribed by department regulation, any recipient may at
18 any time request a good cause exemption from the
19 requirements of this section;

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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