

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2055**

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Including House Amendments dated April 12

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Extends sunset on changes to temporary assistance for needy families program **and authorizes Department of Human Services to limit enrollment in job opportunities and basic skills (JOBS) program.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to public assistance for families with dependent children; amending sections 1, 7 and 8,  
3 chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, as amended by section 82, chapter 107,  
6 Oregon Laws 2012, is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 1.** For the biennium beginning July 1, [2011] **2013**, the Department of Human Services may,  
8 notwithstanding ORS 411.070, 412.006, 412.009 and 412.016:

9 (1) Prescribe by rule an employability assessment and orientation process that the department  
10 shall use to determine the level of participation by individuals applying for or receiving aid pursuant  
11 to the temporary assistance for needy families program and required to participate in the job op-  
12 portunity and basic skills program described in ORS 412.006. This process must occur prior to any  
13 assessment described in ORS 412.006 (3) that is conducted by the department.

14 (2) Require all families to participate in the employability assessment and orientation process  
15 as a condition for the family's receipt of aid.

16 (3) [*Determine the selection and placement*] **Limit the number of participants, the activities**  
17 **or the level of participation** in the job opportunity and basic skills program [*activities*] of existing  
18 and future applicants and recipients of aid based on the results of the employability assessment or  
19 other criteria.

20 (4) Require an individual in a one-parent family to participate in the job opportunity and basic  
21 skills program while caring for a dependent child who is under two years of age.

22 (5) Not approve enrollment in and attendance at an educational institution as an allowable work  
23 activity for purposes of ORS 412.001 to 412.069, except for recipients who have a case plan in effect  
24 on June 30, 2011, that approves enrollment in and attendance at an educational institution as an  
25 allowable work activity under ORS 412.016.

26 (6) Deny or terminate aid to a family in which a caretaker relative is separated from employ-

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
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1 ment without good cause, subject to exceptions prescribed by the department by rule. The family  
2 shall be ineligible to receive aid for a period of 120 days beginning on the date the caretaker rela-  
3 tive is separated from employment without good cause.

4 (7) Establish an income eligibility limit equal to 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for  
5 aid to a dependent child residing with a caretaker relative who is not the child's parent.

6 [(8) *Deny employment-related day care assistance to a parent who is self-employed.*]

7 [(9) *Eliminate the reduced copayment required for employment-related day care assistance in the*  
8 *first month of employment.*]

9 **SECTION 2.** Section 7, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 7.** (1) The amendments to ORS 412.009, 412.014 and 412.024 by sections 2, 3 and 5 [*of this*  
11 *2011 Act*], **chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011**, become operative on October 1, 2011.

12 (2) The amendments to ORS 412.014 by section 4 [*of this 2011 Act*], **chapter 604, Oregon Laws**  
13 **2011**, become operative on July 1, [2013] 2015.

14 **SECTION 3.** Section 8, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 8.** Section 1, **chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011**, [*of this 2011 Act*] is repealed on July 1,  
16 [2013] 2015.

17 **SECTION 4.** **This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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