

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2347

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Including Senate Amendments dated June 8

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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 for two years Department of Human Services' authority to prescribe employability assessment and orientation process for job opportunity and basic skills program and limit number of participants and activities of participants in program; to require single parent of child under two years of age to participate in job opportunity and basic skills program; to deny request of recipient in temporary assistance for needy families program to enroll in educational institution as allowable work activity if recipient was not enrolled in educational institution as of June 30, 2011; to disqualify recipient from receiving temporary assistance for needy families program benefits for 120 days if recipient separates from employment without good cause; and to establish for temporary assistance for needy families program income limit for nonparent caretaker relative of dependent child equal to 185 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Suspends for two years from scheduled date of July 1, 2017, increase in cash assistance paid to families enrolled in State Family Pre-SSI/SSDI program.

Suspends for two years from scheduled date of July 1, 2017, increase in duration of period that family receiving temporary assistance to needy families may continue to receive assistance upon becoming ineligible due to employment or increased hours of work.

Requires department to invest savings from policy changes or caseload reductions into increasing amount of grants for families in temporary assistance for needy families program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program; creating new provisions; amending
3 sections 7 and 8, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, and section 29, chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015;
4 and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 7, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, as amended by section 24, chapter 722,
7 Oregon Laws 2013, and section 23, chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 7.** (1) The amendments to ORS 412.009, 412.014 and 412.024 by sections 2, 3 and 5, chapter
9 604, Oregon Laws 2011, become operative on October 1, 2011.

10 (2) The amendments to ORS 412.014 by section 4, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, become op-
11 erative on July 1, [2017] **2019**.

12 **SECTION 2.** Section 8, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, as amended by section 25, chapter 722,
13 Oregon Laws 2013, and section 24, chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 8.** Section 1, chapter 604, Oregon Laws 2011, **as amended by section 82, chapter 107,**
15 **Oregon Laws 2012, section 23, chapter 722, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 22, chapter 765,**
16 **Oregon Laws 2015,** is repealed on July 1, [2017] **2019**.

17 **SECTION 3.** Section 29, chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 29.** (1) Section 4, **chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015,** [of this 2015 Act] and the amendments

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 to ORS 411.635, 412.001, 412.009, 412.079 and 412.124 by sections 6, 10, 12, 19 and 26, **chapter 765,**
2 **Oregon Laws 2015**, [of this 2015 Act] become operative on April 1, 2016.

3 (2) The amendments to ORS 412.124 by section 7, **chapter 765, Oregon Laws 2015**, [of this 2015
4 Act] become operative on July 1, [2017] **2019**.

5 **SECTION 4. Beginning July 1, 2017, the Department of Human Services shall use any**
6 **savings in federal funds, other funds or General Fund moneys that result from policy**
7 **changes made by the department in the temporary assistance for needy families program or**
8 **reductions in the number of families enrolled in the temporary assistance for needy families**
9 **program, as a result of economic improvement in this state or other factors, to increase the**
10 **value of the grants provided to families in the temporary assistance for needy families pro-**
11 **gram up to an amount equal to the value of the grant in 1996 adjusted to reflect increases**
12 **in U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) published**
13 **by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.**

14 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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