

# B-Engrossed House Bill 2032

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Including House Amendments dated April 9 and June 20

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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.

*[Specifies benefits that may be provided by Department of Human Services to low-income families after families, because of earnings or increases in hours of work, lose eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF). Delays, for two years, increase in number of months that family may receive specified benefits.]*

*[Eliminates certain requirements for job opportunity and basic skills program.]*

*[Extends suspension of provisions regarding TANF program.]*

**Creates TANF Housing Pilot Program in Housing and Community Services Department to provide housing stabilization services to families receiving services from temporary assistance for needy families program through grants awarded to local housing services providers. Specifies conditions for grants. Requires department to track and compile data and report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services on analysis of data and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to address barriers to housing stability faced by families in temporary assistance for needy families program.**

**Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer Mental and Behavioral Health Pilot Program to award grants to up to four coordinated care organizations to assess need for mental health and substance abuse treatment services for individuals enrolled in temporary assistance for needy families program, refer individuals in need of services for appropriate care and track results of referrals. Requires grantees to collect data and report to authority specified information regarding referrals of individuals for services. Requires authority to develop educational materials containing best practices learned from pilot program and report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health, no later than March 30, 2022, on need for services by recipients of temporary assistance for needy families, assessment of barriers to accessing services and recommendations for legislative changes to address barriers and meet needs.**

**Creates Education and Training Pilot Program in Department of Human Services to provide funding to community-based entities through competitive application process. Requires entities to use funding to provide educational opportunities and vocational training to help recipients of temporary assistance for needy families be more competitive in job market and achieve careers that allow them to be safe, healthy and financially stable. Requires department to establish outcome measures and entities to report data necessary for department to assess efficacy of each project and services provided. Requires department to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services, no later than September 15, 2021, findings from pilot program and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to implement practices that were most successful in meeting goals of pilot program.**

**Sunsets all pilot programs on July 1, 2022.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to temporary assistance for needy families program; and declaring an emergency.

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

## TANF HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "TANF" means aid or services provided in the**

**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 temporary assistance for needy families program under ORS 412.006.

2 (2) The TANF Housing Pilot Program is created in the Housing and Community Services  
3 Department to provide, in collaboration with local offices of the Department of Human Ser-  
4 vices and local housing services providers, housing stabilization services to families receiving  
5 TANF. The Housing and Community Services Department, in consultation with the Depart-  
6 ment of Human Services, shall establish:

7 (a) Application procedures and eligibility requirements for grants to be awarded to up to  
8 four pilot projects operated by local housing services providers, in at least one rural and at  
9 least one urban area, to provide housing stabilization services.

10 (b) Requirements for grantees, including requirements that grantees:

11 (A) Develop a collaborative referral process with the local offices of the Department of  
12 Human Services to facilitate the referral of TANF families who are homeless or at risk of  
13 homelessness; and

14 (B) Use the grants awarded by the program to leverage housing resources that are  
15 available in the local communities to improve the housing stability of TANF families.

16 (3) Grants awarded under subsection (2) of this section shall be awarded based on need  
17 and on performance and may be awarded to local housing services providers individually or  
18 to a group of two or more local housing services providers.

19 (4) The Housing and Community Services Department and the Department of Human  
20 Services shall track and compile:

21 (a) The number of TANF families needing housing stabilization services to prevent or end  
22 homelessness;

23 (b) The number of TANF families served with funding from the pilot program and the  
24 type of services that were provided;

25 (c) The outcomes of the housing referrals for individual TANF families;

26 (d) The success of the pilot program in preventing homelessness or providing housing to  
27 TANF families who were homeless; and

28 (e) Additional barriers faced by TANF families in securing and retaining housing.

29 (5) No later than September 15, 2021, the Housing and Community Services Department,  
30 in consultation with the Department of Human Services, shall report to the interim com-  
31 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, in the manner provided in  
32 ORS 192.245, the data compiled under subsection (4) of this section, with an analysis of the  
33 data and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to address the barriers to  
34 housing stability faced by TANF families.

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36 **MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM**

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38 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

39 (a) "Coordinated care organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

40 (b) "TANF" means aid or services provided in the temporary assistance for needy fami-  
41 lies program under ORS 412.006.

42 (2) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of Human Ser-  
43 vices, shall administer a Mental and Behavioral Health Pilot Program to award grants to up  
44 to four coordinated care organizations for the purpose of assessing potential gaps in access  
45 by TANF recipients to mental and behavioral health services and to drug and alcohol treat-

1 **ment services through the state medical assistance program.**

2 **(3) The authority, in consultation with the department, shall:**

3 **(a) Select at least one coordinated care organization serving rural areas and at least one**  
4 **coordinated care organization serving urban areas to participate in the pilot program; and**

5 **(b) Adopt by rule application procedures and eligibility requirements for grant recipients,**  
6 **including, but not limited to, a demonstrated commitment to partner with local offices of the**  
7 **Department of Human Services, hospitals and health systems that are located in the ge-**  
8 **ographic area served by the coordinated care organization.**

9 **(4) At a minimum, grant recipients shall develop and implement a:**

10 **(a) Survey or assessment process to identify TANF applicants with a need for mental**  
11 **health or substance abuse services;**

12 **(b) Process to refer TANF recipients with identified needs for services to the level of care**  
13 **appropriate to their need; and**

14 **(c) Process for tracking the results of the referrals.**

15 **(5) A coordinated care organization that receives a grant from the pilot program shall**  
16 **collect and report to the authority, in the manner prescribed by the authority, the following**  
17 **information:**

18 **(a) The number of TANF recipients screened for mental health or substance abuse ser-**  
19 **vices;**

20 **(b) The number of TANF recipients with an identified need for mental health or sub-**  
21 **stance abuse services; and**

22 **(c) For TANF recipients with an identified need for mental health or substance abuse**  
23 **services:**

24 **(A) The number of TANF recipients referred by the coordinated care organization for**  
25 **mental health or substance abuse services;**

26 **(B) The number of referrals that resulted in a visit with a health care provider and the**  
27 **time that elapsed between the referral and the visit;**

28 **(C) Whether the TANF recipient was enrolled in a patient-centered primary care home**  
29 **at the time of the visit or as a result of the visit;**

30 **(D) The number of TANF recipients for whom a treatment plan was established or who**  
31 **had a follow-up appointment with a primary health care provider and the services provided;**

32 **(E) Other factors indicating that the TANF recipient accessed appropriate services in a**  
33 **timely manner; and**

34 **(F) The barriers faced by the TANF recipients in accessing the services identified in their**  
35 **treatment plans.**

36 **(6) The pilot program shall begin on or after February 1, 2020.**

37 **(7) The authority, in consultation with the department, shall evaluate the effectiveness**  
38 **of the pilot program based on the information reported by coordinated care organizations**  
39 **under subsection (6) of this section and based on the evaluation shall:**

40 **(a) Develop educational materials containing best practices learned from the pilot pro-**  
41 **gram and make the materials available to coordinated care organizations; and**

42 **(b) No later than March 30, 2022, report to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
43 **Assembly related to health on the need for mental health and substance abuse services and**  
44 **provide an assessment of the barriers faced by TANF recipients in accessing mental health**  
45 **or substance abuse treatment and services through the state medical assistance program**

1 and make recommendations for legislative changes necessary to address the barriers and  
2 meet the need.

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4 **EDUCATION AND TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM**

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6 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, "TANF" means aid or services provided in the  
7 temporary assistance for needy families program under ORS 412.006.

8 (2) The Education and Training Pilot Program is created in the Department of Human  
9 Services for the purpose of providing educational opportunities and vocational training for  
10 TANF recipients to help them be more competitive in the job market and achieve careers  
11 that allow the recipients to be safe, healthy and financially stable.

12 (3) The goal of the pilot program is to expand the availability of education and vocational  
13 training services to TANF recipients using a comprehensive model that may include:

14 (a) Continuous one-on-one coaching;

15 (b) Providing opportunities to network and cultivate productive relationships for em-  
16 ployment or business;

17 (c) Facilitating relationships with other participants in the education or training pro-  
18 grams, such as study partners; and

19 (d) Providing support service payments for tuition, books and supplies.

20 (4) The department will provide funding to community-based entities through a compet-  
21 itive application process. In selecting entities to receive funding, the department shall give  
22 priority to entities serving rural areas or areas where it is difficult to access education or  
23 vocational training through existing programs.

24 (5) Recipients of funds shall customize the services offered to meet the unique needs of  
25 TANF recipients in their communities and the job markets in their communities.

26 (6) The department shall establish outcome measures and entities participating in the  
27 pilot program must report data necessary for the department to assess the efficacy of each  
28 project and the services provided.

29 (7) No later than September 15, 2021, the department shall report to the interim com-  
30 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services the findings from the pilot  
31 program and recommendations for legislative changes necessary to implement the practices  
32 that were most successful in meeting the goals of the pilot program.

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34 **SUNSET**

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36 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2019 Act are repealed on July 1, 2022.

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38 **CAPTIONS**

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40 **SECTION 5.** The unit captions used in this 2019 Act are provided only for the convenience  
41 of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-  
42 islative intent in the enactment of this 2019 Act.

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44 **EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

1        **SECTION 6. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
2        **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
3        **on its passage.**

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