

By: Senator(s) Hickman

To: Public Health and  
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2718

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-17-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO TRANSFER 30% OF THE  
3 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BLOCK GRANT  
4 RECEIVED BY THE STATE EACH FISCAL YEAR TO THE CHILD CARE AND  
5 DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF), TO BE USED AS VOUCHERS TO PAY FOR CHILD  
6 CARE FOR QUALIFYING CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILD CARE PAYMENT PROGRAM  
7 (CCPP); AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-17-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 43-17-5. (1) The amount of Temporary Assistance for Needy  
12 Families (TANF) benefits which may be granted for any dependent  
13 child and a needy caretaker relative shall be determined by the  
14 county department with due regard to the resources and necessary  
15 expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each  
16 case, and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the  
17 Department of Human Services which shall not be less than the  
18 Standard of Need in effect for 1988, and shall be sufficient when  
19 added to all other income (except that any income specified in the  
20 federal Social Security Act, as amended, may be disregarded) and



21 support available to the child to provide such child with a  
22 reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. The  
23 first family member in the dependent child's budget may receive an  
24 amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month; the  
25 second family member in the dependent child's budget may receive  
26 an amount not to exceed Thirty-six Dollars (\$36.00) per month; and  
27 each additional family member in the dependent child's budget an  
28 amount not to exceed Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) per month. The  
29 maximum for any individual family member in the dependent child's  
30 budget may be exceeded for foster or medical care or in cases of  
31 children with an intellectual disability or a physical disability.  
32 TANF benefits granted shall be specifically limited only (a) to  
33 children existing or conceived at the time the caretaker relative  
34 initially applies and qualifies for such assistance, unless this  
35 limitation is specifically waived by the department, or (b) to a  
36 child born following a twelve-consecutive-month period of  
37 discontinued benefits by the caretaker relative.

38 (2) TANF benefits in Mississippi shall be provided to the  
39 recipient family by an online electronic benefits transfer system.

40 (3) The Department of Human Services shall deny TANF  
41 benefits to the following categories of individuals, except for  
42 individuals and families specifically exempt or excluded for good  
43 cause as allowed by federal statute or regulation:

44 (a) Families without a minor child residing with the  
45 custodial parent or other adult caretaker relative of the child;



46 (b) Families which include an adult who has received  
47 TANF assistance for sixty (60) months after the commencement of  
48 the Mississippi TANF program, whether or not such period of time  
49 is consecutive;

50 (c) Families not assigning to the state any rights a  
51 family member may have, on behalf of the family member or of any  
52 other person for whom the family member has applied for or is  
53 receiving such assistance, to support from any other person, as  
54 required by law;

55 (d) Families who fail to cooperate in establishing  
56 paternity or obtaining child support, as required by law;

57 (e) Any individual who has not attained eighteen (18)  
58 years of age, is not married to the head of household, has a minor  
59 child at least twelve (12) weeks of age in his or her care, and  
60 has not successfully completed a high school education or its  
61 equivalent, if such individual does not participate in educational  
62 activities directed toward the attainment of a high school diploma  
63 or its equivalent, or an alternative educational or training  
64 program approved by the department;

65 (f) Any individual who has not attained eighteen (18)  
66 years of age, is not married, has a minor child in his or her  
67 care, and does not reside in a place or residence maintained by a  
68 parent, legal guardian or other adult relative or the individual  
69 as such parent's, guardian's or adult relative's own home;



70 (g) Any minor child who has been, or is expected by a  
71 parent or other caretaker relative of the child to be, absent from  
72 the home for a period of more than thirty (30) days;

73 (h) Any individual who is a parent or other caretaker  
74 relative of a minor child who fails to notify the department of  
75 the absence of the minor child from the home for the thirty-day  
76 period specified in paragraph (g), by the end of the five-day  
77 period that begins with the date that it becomes clear to the  
78 individual that the minor child will be absent for the thirty-day  
79 period;

80 (i) Any individual who fails to comply with the  
81 provisions of the Employability Development Plan signed by the  
82 individual which prescribe those activities designed to help the  
83 individual become and remain employed, or to participate  
84 satisfactorily in the assigned work activity, as authorized under  
85 subsection (6)(c) and (d), or who does not engage in applicant job  
86 search activities within the thirty-day period for TANF  
87 application approval after receiving the advice and consultation  
88 of eligibility workers and/or caseworkers of the department  
89 providing a detailed description of available job search venues in  
90 the individual's county of residence or the surrounding counties;

91 (j) A parent or caretaker relative who has not engaged  
92 in an allowable work activity once the department determines the  
93 parent or caretaker relative is ready to engage in work, or once  
94 the parent or caretaker relative has received TANF assistance



under the program for twenty-four (24) months, whether or not consecutive, whichever is earlier;

(k) Any individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the jurisdiction from which the individual flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or who is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law;

(l) Aliens who are not qualified under federal law;

(m) For a period of ten (10) years following conviction, individuals convicted in federal or state court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the individual's place of residence in order to receive TANF, food stamps or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance under Title XVI or Title XIX simultaneously from two (2) or more states;

(n) Individuals who are recipients of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance; and

(o) Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older who are not in compliance with the drug testing and substance use disorder treatment requirements of Section 43-17-6.

(4) (a) Any person who is otherwise eligible for TANF benefits, including custodial and noncustodial parents, shall be required to attend school and meet the monthly attendance



requirement as provided in this subsection if all of the following apply:

- (i) The person is under age twenty (20);
- (ii) The person has not graduated from a public or private high school or obtained a High School Equivalency Diploma equivalent;
- (iii) The person is physically able to attend school and is not excused from attending school; and
- (iv) If the person is a parent or caretaker relative with whom a dependent child is living, child care is available for the child.

The monthly attendance requirement under this subsection shall be attendance at the school in which the person is enrolled for each day during a month that the school conducts classes in which the person is enrolled, with not more than two (2) absences during the month for reasons other than the reasons listed in paragraph (e)(iv) of this subsection. Persons who fail to meet participation requirements in this subsection shall be subject to sanctions as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection.

(b) As used in this subsection, "school" means any one (1) of the following:

- (i) A school as defined in Section 37-13-91(2);
- (ii) A vocational, technical and adult education program; or



143 (iii) A course of study meeting the standards  
144 established by the State Department of Education for the granting  
145 of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

146 (c) If any compulsory-school-age child, as defined in  
147 Section 37-13-91(2), to which TANF eligibility requirements apply  
148 is not in compliance with the compulsory school attendance  
149 requirements of Section 37-13-91(6), the superintendent of schools  
150 of the school district in which the child is enrolled or eligible  
151 to attend shall notify the county department of human services of  
152 the child's noncompliance. The Department of Human Services shall  
153 review school attendance information as provided under this  
154 paragraph at all initial eligibility determinations and upon  
155 subsequent report of unsatisfactory attendance.

156 (d) The signature of a person on an application for  
157 TANF benefits constitutes permission for the release of school  
158 attendance records for that person or for any child residing with  
159 that person. The department shall request information from the  
160 child's school district about the child's attendance in the school  
161 district's most recently completed semester of attendance. If  
162 information about the child's previous school attendance is not  
163 available or cannot be verified, the department shall require the  
164 child to meet the monthly attendance requirement for one (1)  
165 semester or until the information is obtained. The department  
166 shall use the attendance information provided by a school district  
167 to verify attendance for a child. The department shall review



168 with the parent or caretaker relative a child's claim that he or  
169 she has a good cause for not attending school.

170 A school district shall provide information to the department  
171 about the attendance of a child who is enrolled in a public school  
172 in the district within five (5) working days of the receipt of a  
173 written request for that information from the department. The  
174 school district shall define how many hours of attendance count as  
175 a full day and shall provide that information, upon request, to  
176 the department. In reporting attendance, the school district may  
177 add partial days' absence together to constitute a full day's  
178 absence.

179 If a school district fails to provide to the department the  
180 information about the school attendance of any child within  
181 fifteen (15) working days after a written request, the department  
182 shall notify the Department of Audit within three (3) working days  
183 of the school district's failure to comply with that requirement.  
184 The Department of Audit shall begin audit proceedings within five  
185 (5) working days of notification by the Department of Human  
186 Services to determine the school district's compliance with the  
187 requirements of this subsection (4). If the Department of Audit  
188 finds that the school district is not in compliance with the  
189 requirements of this subsection, the school district shall be  
190 penalized as follows: The Department of Audit shall notify the  
191 State Department of Education of the school district's  
192 noncompliance, and the Department of Education shall reduce the





193 calculation of the school district's net enrollment that is used  
194 to determine the allocation of total funding formula funds by the  
195 number of children for which the district has failed to provide to  
196 the Department of Human Services the required information about  
197 the school attendance of those children. The reduction in the  
198 calculation of the school district's net enrollment under this  
199 paragraph shall be effective for a period of one (1) year.

200 (e) A child who is required to attend school to meet  
201 the requirements under this subsection shall comply except when  
202 there is good cause, which shall be demonstrated by any of the  
203 following circumstances:

204 (i) The minor parent is the caretaker of a child  
205 less than twelve (12) weeks old; or

206 (ii) The department determines that child care  
207 services are necessary for the minor parent to attend school and  
208 there is no child care available; or

209 (iii) The child is prohibited by the school  
210 district from attending school and an expulsion is pending. This  
211 exemption no longer applies once the teenager has been expelled;  
212 however, a teenager who has been expelled and is making  
213 satisfactory progress towards obtaining a High School Equivalency  
214 Diploma equivalent shall be eligible for TANF benefits; or

215 (iv) The child failed to attend school for one or  
216 more of the following reasons:



217                   1. Illness, injury or incapacity of the child  
218 or the minor parent's child;  
219                   2. Court-required appearances or temporary  
220 incarceration;  
221                   3. Medical or dental appointments for the  
222 child or minor parent's child;  
223                   4. Death of a close relative;  
224                   5. Observance of a religious holiday;  
225                   6. Family emergency;  
226                   7. Breakdown in transportation;  
227                   8. Suspension; or  
228                   9. Any other circumstance beyond the control  
229 of the child, as defined in regulations of the department.

230           (f) Upon determination that a child has failed without  
231 good cause to attend school as required, the department shall  
232 provide written notice to the parent or caretaker relative  
233 (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) that  
234 specifies:

235                   (i) That the family will be sanctioned in the next  
236 possible payment month because the child who is required to attend  
237 school has failed to meet the attendance requirement of this  
238 subsection;

239                   (ii) The beginning date of the sanction, and the  
240 child to whom the sanction applies;



(iii) The right of the child's parents or caretaker relative (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) to request a fair hearing under this subsection.

The child's parent or caretaker relative (whoever is the primary recipient of the TANF benefits) may request a fair hearing on the department's determination that the child has not been attending school. If the child's parents or caretaker relative does not request a fair hearing under this subsection, or if, after a fair hearing has been held, the hearing officer finds that the child without good cause has failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement, the department shall discontinue or deny TANF benefits to the child thirteen (13) years old, or older, in the next possible payment month. The department shall discontinue or deny twenty-five percent (25%) of the family grant when a child six (6) through twelve (12) years of age without good cause has failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement. Both the child and family sanction may apply when children in both age groups fail to meet the attendance requirement without good cause. A sanction applied under this subsection shall be effective for one (1) month for each month that the child failed to meet the monthly attendance requirement. In the case of a dropout, the sanction shall remain in force until the parent or caretaker relative provides written proof from the school district that the child has reenrolled and met the monthly attendance requirement for one (1) calendar month. Any month in which school is in session for at



least ten (10) days during the month may be used to meet the attendance requirement under this subsection. This includes attendance at summer school. The sanction shall be removed the next possible payment month.

(5) All parents or caretaker relatives shall have their dependent children receive vaccinations and booster vaccinations against those diseases specified by the State Health Officer under Section 41-23-37 in accordance with the vaccination and booster vaccination schedule prescribed by the State Health Officer for children of that age, in order for the parents or caretaker relatives to be eligible or remain eligible to receive TANF benefits. Proof of having received such vaccinations and booster vaccinations shall be given by presenting the certificates of vaccination issued by any health care provider licensed to administer vaccinations, and submitted on forms specified by the State Board of Health. If the parents without good cause do not have their dependent children receive the vaccinations and booster vaccinations as required by this subsection and they fail to comply after thirty (30) days' notice, the department shall sanction the family's TANF benefits by twenty-five percent (25%) for the next payment month and each subsequent payment month until the requirements of this subsection are met.

(6) (a) If the parent or caretaker relative applying for TANF assistance is work eligible, as determined by the Department of Human Services, the person shall be required to engage in an



allowable work activity once the department determines the parent or caretaker relative is determined work eligible, or once the parent or caretaker relative has received TANF assistance under the program for twenty-four (24) months, whether or not consecutive, whichever is earlier. No TANF benefits shall be given to any person to whom this section applies who fails without good cause to comply with the Employability Development Plan prepared by the department for the person, or who has refused to accept a referral or offer of employment, training or education in which he or she is able to engage, subject to the penalties prescribed in paragraph (e) of this subsection. A person shall be deemed to have refused to accept a referral or offer of employment, training or education if he or she:

(i) Willfully fails to report for an interview with respect to employment when requested to do so by the department; or

(ii) Willfully fails to report to the department the result of a referral to employment; or

(iii) Willfully fails to report for allowable work activities as prescribed in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subsection.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall operate a statewide work program for TANF recipients to provide work activities and supportive services to enable families to become self-sufficient and improve their competitive position in the



316 workforce in accordance with the requirements of the federal  
317 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
318 1996 (Public Law 104-193), as amended, and the regulations  
319 promulgated thereunder, and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005  
320 (Public Law 109-171), as amended. Within sixty (60) days after  
321 the initial application for TANF benefits, the TANF recipient must  
322 participate in a job search skills training workshop or a job  
323 readiness program, which shall include resume writing, job search  
324 skills, employability skills and, if available at no charge, the  
325 General Aptitude Test Battery or its equivalent. All adults who  
326 are not specifically exempt shall be referred by the department  
327 for allowable work activities. An adult may be exempt from the  
328 mandatory work activity requirement for the following reasons:

329 (i) Incapacity;

330 (ii) Temporary illness or injury, verified by  
331 physician's certificate;

332 (iii) Is in the third trimester of pregnancy, and  
333 there are complications verified by the certificate of a  
334 physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or any other  
335 licensed health care professional practicing under a protocol with  
336 a licensed physician;

337 (iv) Caretaker of a child under twelve (12)  
338 months, for not more than twelve (12) months of the sixty-month  
339 maximum benefit period;



(v) Caretaker of an ill or incapacitated person,  
as verified by physician's certificate;

(vi) Age, if over sixty (60) or under eighteen  
(18) years of age;

(vii) Receiving treatment for substance abuse, if  
the person is in compliance with the substance abuse treatment  
plan;

(viii) In a two-parent family, the caretaker of a  
severely disabled child, as verified by a physician's certificate;  
or

(ix) History of having been a victim of domestic  
violence, which has been reported as required by state law and is  
substantiated by police reports or court records, and being at  
risk of further domestic violence, shall be exempt for a period as  
deemed necessary by the department but not to exceed a total of  
twelve (12) months, which need not be consecutive, in the  
sixty-month maximum benefit period. For the purposes of this  
subparagraph (ix), "domestic violence" means that an individual  
has been subjected to:

1. Physical acts that resulted in, or  
threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual;
2. Sexual abuse;
3. Sexual activity involving a dependent  
child;



364 4. Being forced as the caretaker relative of  
365 a dependent child to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts or  
366 activities;

367 5. Threats of, or attempts at, physical or  
368 sexual abuse;

369 6. Mental abuse; or

370 7. Neglect or deprivation of medical care.

371 (c) For all families, all adults who are not  
372 specifically exempt shall be required to participate in work  
373 activities for at least the minimum average number of hours per  
374 week specified by federal law or regulation, not fewer than twenty  
375 (20) hours per week (thirty-five (35) hours per week for  
376 two-parent families) of which are attributable to the following  
377 allowable work activities:

378 (i) Unsubsidized employment;

379 (ii) Subsidized private employment;

380 (iii) Subsidized public employment;

381 (iv) Work experience (including work associated  
382 with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing), if sufficient  
383 private employment is not available;

384 (v) On-the-job training;

385 (vi) Job search and job readiness assistance  
386 consistent with federal TANF regulations;

387 (vii) Community service programs;





(viii) Vocational educational training (not to exceed twelve (12) months with respect to any individual);

(ix) The provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program;

(x) Satisfactory attendance at high school or in a course of study leading to a high school equivalency certificate, for heads of household under age twenty (20) who have not completed high school or received such certificate;

(xi) Education directly related to employment, for heads of household under age twenty (20) who have not completed high school or received such equivalency certificate.

(d) The following are allowable work activities which may be attributable to hours in excess of the minimum specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection:

(i) Job skills training directly related to employment;

(ii) Education directly related to employment for individuals who have not completed high school or received a high school equivalency certificate;

(iii) Satisfactory attendance at high school or in a course of study leading to a high school equivalency, for individuals who have not completed high school or received such equivalency certificate;

(iv) Job search and job readiness assistance consistent with federal TANF regulations.



(e) If any adult or caretaker relative refuses to participate in allowable work activity as required under this subsection (6), the following full family TANF benefit penalty will apply, subject to due process to include notification, conciliation and a hearing if requested by the recipient:

(i) For the first violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a two-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;

(ii) For the second violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a six-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;

(iii) For the third violation, the department shall terminate the TANF assistance otherwise payable to the family for a twelve-month period or until the person has complied with the required work activity, whichever is longer;

(iv) For the fourth violation, the person shall be permanently disqualified.

For a two-parent family, unless prohibited by state or federal law, Medicaid assistance shall be terminated only for the person whose failure to participate in allowable work activity caused the family's TANF assistance to be sanctioned under this paragraph (e), unless an individual is pregnant, but shall not be terminated for any other person in the family who is meeting that



person's applicable work requirement or who is not required to work. Minor children shall continue to be eligible for Medicaid benefits regardless of the disqualification of their parent or caretaker relative for TANF assistance under this subsection (6), unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(f) Any person enrolled in a two-year or four-year college program who meets the eligibility requirements to receive TANF benefits, and who is meeting the applicable work requirements and all other applicable requirements of the TANF program, shall continue to be eligible for TANF benefits while enrolled in the college program for as long as the person meets the requirements of the TANF program, unless prohibited by federal law.

(g) No adult in a work activity required under this subsection (6) shall be employed or assigned (i) when any other individual is on layoff from the same or any substantially equivalent job within six (6) months before the date of the TANF recipient's employment or assignment; or (ii) if the employer has terminated the employment of any regular employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of its workforce in order to fill the vacancy so created with an adult receiving TANF assistance. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, established under Section 71-5-101, shall appoint one or more impartial hearing officers to hear and decide claims by employees of violations of this paragraph (g). The hearing officer shall hear all the evidence with respect to any claim made hereunder and such



463 additional evidence as he may require and shall make a  
464 determination and the reason therefor. The claimant shall be  
465 promptly notified of the decision of the hearing officer and the  
466 reason therefor. Within ten (10) days after the decision of the  
467 hearing officer has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may  
468 secure judicial review thereof by commencing an action, in the  
469 circuit court of the county in which the claimant resides, against  
470 the department for the review of such decision, in which action  
471 any other party to the proceeding before the hearing officer shall  
472 be made a defendant. Any such appeal shall be on the record which  
473 shall be certified to the court by the department in the manner  
474 provided in Section 71-5-531, and the jurisdiction of the court  
475 shall be confined to questions of law which shall render its  
476 decision as provided in that section.

477 (7) The Department of Human Services may provide child care  
478 for eligible participants who require such care so that they may  
479 accept employment or remain employed. The department may also  
480 provide child care for those participating in the TANF program  
481 when it is determined that they are satisfactorily involved in  
482 education, training or other allowable work activities. The  
483 department may contract with Head Start agencies to provide child  
484 care services to TANF recipients. The department may also arrange  
485 for child care by use of contract or vouchers, provide vouchers in  
486 advance to a caretaker relative, reimburse a child care provider,  
487 or use any other arrangement deemed appropriate by the department,



488 and may establish different reimbursement rates for child care  
489 services depending on the category of the facility or home. Any  
490 center-based or group home child care facility under this  
491 subsection shall be licensed by the State Department of Health  
492 pursuant to law. When child care is being provided in the child's  
493 own home, in the home of a relative of the child, or in any other  
494 unlicensed setting, the provision of such child care may be  
495 monitored on a random basis by the Department of Human Services or  
496 the State Department of Health. Transitional child care  
497 assistance may be continued if it is necessary for parents to  
498 maintain employment once support has ended, unless prohibited  
499 under state or federal law. Transitional child care assistance  
500 may be provided for up to twenty-four (24) months after the last  
501 month during which the family was eligible for TANF assistance, if  
502 federal funds are available for such child care assistance.

503 (8) The Department of Human Services may provide  
504 transportation or provide reasonable reimbursement for  
505 transportation expenses that are necessary for individuals to be  
506 able to participate in allowable work activity under the TANF  
507 program.

508 (9) Medicaid assistance shall be provided to a family of  
509 TANF program participants for up to twenty-four (24) consecutive  
510 calendar months following the month in which the participating  
511 family would be ineligible for TANF benefits because of increased  
512 income, expiration of earned income disregards, or increased hours



513 of employment of the caretaker relative; however, Medicaid  
514 assistance for more than twelve (12) months may be provided only  
515 if a federal waiver is obtained to provide such assistance for  
516 more than twelve (12) months and federal and state funds are  
517 available to provide such assistance.

518 (10) The department shall require applicants for and  
519 recipients of public assistance from the department to sign a  
520 personal responsibility contract that will require the applicant  
521 or recipient to acknowledge his or her responsibilities to the  
522 state.

523 (11) The department shall enter into an agreement with the  
524 State Personnel Board and other state agencies that will allow  
525 those TANF participants who qualify for vacant jobs within state  
526 agencies to be placed in state jobs. State agencies participating  
527 in the TANF work program shall receive any and all benefits  
528 received by employers in the private sector for hiring TANF  
529 recipients. This subsection (11) shall be effective only if the  
530 state obtains any necessary federal waiver or approval and if  
531 federal funds are available therefor. Not later than September 1,  
532 2021, the department shall prepare a report, which shall be  
533 provided to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health  
534 Committees and to any other member of the Legislature upon  
535 request, on the history, status, outcomes and effectiveness of the  
536 agreements required under this subsection.



(12) During each fiscal year, the department shall transfer to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) thirty percent (30%) of the TANF block grant received by the state for that fiscal year, to be used as vouchers to pay for child care for qualifying children under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). Any unspent TANF funds remaining from the prior fiscal year may be expended for any TANF allowable activities.

(13) The Mississippi Department of Human Services shall provide TANF applicants information and referral to programs that provide information about birth control, prenatal health care, abstinence education, marriage education, family preservation and fatherhood. Not later than September 1, 2021, the department shall prepare a report, which shall be provided to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health Committees and to any other member of the Legislature upon request, on the history, status, outcomes and effectiveness of the information and referral requirements under this subsection.

(14) No new TANF program requirement or restriction affecting a person's eligibility for TANF assistance, or allowable work activity, which is not mandated by federal law or regulation may be implemented by the Department of Human Services after July 1, 2004, unless such is specifically authorized by an amendment to this section by the Legislature.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

