

## **IC 12-8-12**

### **Chapter 12. Employment Opportunities for TANF Recipients**

#### **IC 12-8-12-1**

##### **Purpose**

Sec. 1. The purpose of this chapter is to find available employment opportunities for TANF recipients and applicants that will allow the recipients and applicants to gain successful experience in an environment that includes daily work.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34. Amended by P.L.161-2007, SEC.7.*

#### **IC 12-8-12-2**

##### **Applicability of chapter**

Sec. 2. This chapter applies to all TANF recipients and applicants, except recipients and applicants exempted under rules adopted by the director under IC 4-22-2.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34. Amended by P.L.161-2007, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 12-8-12-3**

##### **"Request for proposals" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "request for proposals" means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34.*

#### **IC 12-8-12-4**

##### **Public-private partnerships**

Sec. 4. The director may develop programs in partnership with private employers by issuing requests for proposals to stimulate public-private partnerships to provide employment opportunities to TANF recipients.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34. Amended by P.L.161-2007, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 12-8-12-5**

##### **Solicitation of proposals**

Sec. 5. The director may solicit proposals to employ TANF recipients through a request for proposals, that must include a statement that an employer desiring to participate in the program under section 4 of this chapter shall do the following:

(1) Provide health care assistance to a TANF recipient hired by the employer under the same standards that apply to other employees. Under this subdivision, the state shall pay only for the recipient's share of the premium associated with the health care assistance. However, the payment of this premium may not exceed the cost that would be paid by the state on behalf of the recipient for Medicaid.

(2) Treat a TANF recipient as the employer would treat a typical employee, including offering the same pay scales and promotion opportunities offered to a typical employee.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34. Amended by P.L.161-2007,*

*SEC.10.*

**IC 12-8-12-6**

**Powers of director**

Sec. 6. The director may do the following:

- (1) Establish criteria for a request for proposals to stimulate public-private partnerships to promote employment opportunities for TANF recipients and applicants under this chapter.
- (2) Establish sanctions, including the termination of TANF assistance, for a TANF recipient or applicant who refuses to participate in an employment or a job training opportunity offered to TANF recipients or applicants under this chapter.
- (3) Establish a procedure to set priorities for the entry of recipients or applicants into job placement and training.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34. Amended by P.L.161-2007, SEC.11.*

**IC 12-8-12-7**

**Adoption of rules**

Sec. 7. The director may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-1997, SEC.34.*