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HB 2016: child care assistance; education; training

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Overview

Allows the Department of Economic Security (DES) to waive all or a portion of the work requirement to continue providing child care assistance when a person meets educational and training requirements.

History

Statute requires DES to provide child care assistance to eligible families who are: 1) attempting to achieve independence from the cash assistance program; 2) transitioning off cash assistance due to increased earning or child support income in order to accept or maintain employment; and 3) diverted from cash assistance in order to obtain or maintain employment.

DES may provide child care assistance for approved education and training activities if the eligible parent, legal guardian or caretaker relative is working at least a monthly average of 20 hours per week and the education and training are reasonably related to employment goals. The eligible parent, legal guardian or caretaker relative must demonstrate satisfactory progress in the education or training activity. ([A.R.S. § 46-803](#))

Provisions

1. Authorizes DES to waive all or a portion of the work requirement and continue to provide child care assistance to a qualified person enrolled full-time in an accredited educational institution, remedial education activity or employment training program related to the person's employment goals. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the person to confirm their intent to obtain education or training that will lead to employment in an occupation with starting wages that are sufficient enough to eliminate the need for public assistance. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires DES to review the education or training program that is being pursued by the person in order to verify the education or training program is related to employment goals. (Sec. 1)
4. Requires the person to demonstrate satisfactory progress to DES. (Sec. 1)
5. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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