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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PERSONAL AND FAMILY
RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1995 AND TO REAUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE
STUDY COMMISSION ON WELFARE REFORM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new Part to read:

"Part 1A. The Public Assistance Personal and Family Responsibility Act of 1995.

"§ 108A-26.5. Reducing out-of-wedlock births; county block grants.

(a) The General Assembly finds that welfare reform should aim at moving people from the welfare dependency cycle to work and self-sufficiency. Further, the General Assembly finds that the negative consequences of an out-of-wedlock birth on the child, the mother, and society are major causes of the welfare system's failure to move families from welfare dependency to permanent self-sufficiency and that the safety and well-being of society as a whole is greatly threatened by this failure.

1 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that, on or after the effective
2 date of this section, assistance provided to any parent who gives birth to an out-of-
3 wedlock child and the child born to that parent shall be limited as follows:

4 (1) The parent shall be eligible only for:

5 a. Medicaid; and

6 b. WIC.

7 (2) The child shall be eligible only for:

8 a. Food stamps;

9 b. Medicaid; and

10 c. WIC.

11 These limitations on public assistance benefits shall not apply if: (i) the birth was
12 a result of rape or incest; (ii) the parent subsequently marries an individual who
13 acknowledges paternity or assumes financial responsibility for the child; or (iii) the child
14 is subsequently adopted, placed in foster care or any other residential care facility, and
15 otherwise remains eligible for assistance. These limitations shall not apply if there are
16 reasonable grounds to believe that, if the parent marries an individual who acknowledges
17 paternity or will assume financial responsibility for the child upon marriage, the parent or
18 the child will be physically or emotionally abused by that individual. A protective order
19 issued pursuant to Chapter 50B of the General Statutes, medical records, law enforcement
20 records or, the records of a domestic violence program may be used to determine whether
21 reasonable grounds exist to substantiate the potential of physical or emotional abuse.

22 (c) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that all available funds, that
23 otherwise would have been made available to parents and children whose benefits are
24 limited by subsection (b) of this section, shall be allocated to the 100 counties in block
25 grants to be used solely for services to those parents and children. No funds from these
26 grants shall be used for (i) cash assistance to those recipients or their children; (ii)
27 providing abortions as a method of family planning; or (iii) abortion counseling. Counties
28 shall not use the block grant funds with respect to any dependent child or parent when
29 paternity has not been established. Services funded pursuant to this subsection may
30 include:

31 (1) Adoption services;

32 (2) Children's homes;

33 (3) Maternity homes for unwed mothers;

34 (4) Residential group homes for mothers and their children;

35 (5) Child day care;

36 (6) Educational services, including, but not limited to, parenting, literacy,
37 and money management classes;

38 (7) Nutrition and health services;

39 (8) Drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs; and

40 (9) Any other programs or services that a county considers appropriate to
41 assist mothers and their children or to lower their out-of-wedlock births
42 rate.

1 The Department shall allocate the block grant funds to each county based on the
2 county's 'out-of-wedlock births ratio'. For the purposes of this subsection, 'out-of-
3 wedlock births ratio' shall mean the number of out-of-wedlock births ratio in each county
4 in a fiscal year divided by the total number of out-of-wedlock births in the State,
5 beginning with the 1995-96 fiscal year.

6 Beginning with the 1998-99 fiscal year, for reducing the number of out-of wedlock
7 births, a county shall receive a five percent (5%) increase in its grant if the county's 'out-
8 of-wedlock births ratio' is one percentage point lower than it was for fiscal year 1995-96
9 or a ten percent (10%) increase in its grant if the county's 'illegitimacy ratio' is two
10 percentage points or more lower than it was for fiscal year 1995-96.

11 A county may expend up to five percent (5%) of the total grant for the administrative
12 costs of operating any service pursuant to this subsection. A county may enter into
13 contracts with a public, nonprofit, or private entity to provide any service pursuant to this
14 subsection.

15 The Department shall ensure that an audit of the funds expended pursuant to this
16 subsection shall be conducted at least every two years.

17 All county plans developed for the use of the block grants pursuant to this section
18 should include a mechanism for alerting the local child support enforcement agency of
19 those parents giving birth out-of-wedlock in order to enable the local child support
20 agency to inform these parents of the child support enforcement services available to
21 them.

22 **"§ 108A-26.6. Family cap limitation.**

23 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that no increases in AFDC
24 assistance are provided, other than general increases provided to all recipients, to a
25 recipient family for any additional dependent child born 10 months after the effective
26 date of this section. The dependent child shall be eligible for Food stamps, Medicaid, and
27 WIC.

28 (b) The Department shall ensure that a family who discontinues receiving
29 assistance for any reason and who subsequently reapplies for assistance shall not include
30 any additional children in the family size for the purpose of determining the amount of
31 assistance than were included in the family size at the time assistance was discontinued,
32 unless the family did not receive assistance for 24 months or more.

33 (c) These limitations shall not apply if: (i) the birth of the child is the result of rape
34 or incest, and these offenses were duly reported to the appropriate law enforcement
35 agency; or (ii) the birth results from the failure of a birth control device which is
36 medically verifiable, such as an intrauterine device (IUD), Norplant, or sterilization.

37 **"§ 108A-26.7. Limited benefits for minor parents.**

38 (a) No assistance, including Medicaid, WIC, or any services that may be provided
39 by the county pursuant to G.S. 108A-26.5(c), shall be provided to or on behalf of a minor
40 under the age of 18 who has never married and who has a child or is pregnant unless such
41 minor resides with a parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative, or in a foster home,
42 maternity home, or residential care facility.

1 (b) This limitation shall not apply if: (i) there is reason to believe that a minor
2 parent or the minor parent's child will be subject to abuse as a consequence of living with
3 a parent or guardian of the minor parent; or (ii) the director of the local department of
4 social services determines that the minor is in a separate household for other reasons of
5 health, safety, or due to being forced out of the parent's or guardian's home; or (iii) the
6 minor has no parent or legal guardian who is living or the whereabouts of the minor's
7 parents or legal guardian are unknown; or (iv) federal law or regulation, such as HUD
8 occupancy levels in public housing prohibit these constraints.

9 **"§ 108A-26.8. Child support; parent's financial responsibility.**

10 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that G.S. 110-131 and all
11 other existing laws and procedures for establishing paternity and support of children
12 whose custodial parent applies for assistance or who is currently receiving assistance
13 pursuant to this Article, are enforced for all children up to the age of 18.

14 (b) The Department shall ensure that a minor noncustodial parent who is working
15 either full time or part time comply with all child support wage withholding procedures.

16 (c) A county may contract with any public or private entity for the collection of
17 child support when to do so would most economically and effectively ensure that child
18 support is collected. The use of private process servers for child support matters may be
19 allowed and the costs shall be reimbursable.

20 (d) Child support collected on behalf of children born out-of-wedlock or children
21 who are subject to the family cap limitation in G.S. 108A-26.6 shall be treated in the
22 same manner as child support collected for non-AFDC cases. The child support shall be
23 paid directly to the family and shall be subject to any fee for collection applicable to non-
24 AFDC cases.

25 **"§ 108A-26.9. Nonsupport work incentive program.**

26 (a) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall, in cooperation with
27 the Department of Human Resources and the Administrative Office of the Courts, assist
28 in the implementation of nonsupport work incentive programs across the State. These
29 nonsupport work incentive programs shall provide an alternative to incarceration for
30 nonsupport through the use of court-ordered community service work for unemployed
31 noncustodial parents who have child support arrearages.

32 (b) Minor noncustodial parents shall be required to participate in nonsupport work
33 incentive programs. If the minor noncustodial parent is a student, any required
34 community service work shall take precedence over nonacademic activities.

35 **"§ 108A-26.10. Learnfare; Healthfare.**

36 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that a family receiving
37 AFDC assistance pursuant to this Article acts responsibly in raising its children by seeing
38 that its children attend school, if required by the Compulsory Attendance Law, for at least
39 eighty percent (80%) of the time and that its children receive all the immunizations and
40 other health services that are required of and provided for them by State and federal law,
41 unless the family qualifies for an Immunization Law exemption.

42 If a dependent child does not attend school for at least eighty percent (80%) of the
43 time, if required by the Compulsory Attendance Law, the Department shall reduce the

1 family's assistance by fifty dollars (\$50.00) each month each child's attendance does not
2 meet this requirement.

3 If a family does not provide a dependent child with the age-appropriate
4 immunizations and other health services, including preventive health services, that are
5 required of and provided for the family, the Department shall reduce the family's
6 assistance by fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each month the appropriate services are not
7 provided to each child, unless the family qualifies for an Immunization Law exemption.

8 (b) The Department, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, the
9 Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the Social Services
10 Commission, the Office of Nonpublic Education in the Office of the Governor, and the
11 Commission for Health Services, shall ensure that actual notice of pending failure to meet
12 Compulsory Attendance Law requirements and of due dates for immunizations and other
13 available health services are received by families receiving assistance pursuant to this
14 Part.

15 The Department, in cooperation with these agencies, shall also ensure:

16 (1) That clear and equitable rules are applied:

17 a. To the monitoring of families' failures to act responsibly pursuant
18 to this section; and

19 b. To the restoring of full unreduced assistance as soon as possible;

20 (2) That these rules are made clear to the families; and

21 (3) That local departments of social services work with their families:

22 a. To help them keep their children in school;

23 b. To keep them provided with the appropriate health services; and

24 c. If possible, to keep them from having to have their assistance
25 reduced.

26 (c) Additionally, any custodial parent of an out-of-wedlock dependent child who
27 has not obtained a high school diploma shall complete the requirements for a high school
28 diploma either by continuing school attendance and graduating or by attending and
29 completing an adult basic education program, unless the director of the local social
30 services department waives this requirement. If a recipient is considered to be
31 'functionally illiterate', they shall participate in a literacy program, unless the director of
32 the local social services department waives this requirement. Unless a custodial parent
33 required to receive education by this subsection is actively completing this education, the
34 parent shall not be eligible for any of the services provided by the parent's county and
35 shall be eligible for Medicaid and WIC only.

36 **"§ 108A-26.11. Benefits included as income.**

37 The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that the following is included as
38 income for the purposes of determining AFDC eligibility:

39 (1) One hundred percent (100%) of the monthly food stamp allotment for
40 which the assistance unit qualifies; and

41 (2) One hundred percent (100%) of the monthly housing subsidy for which
42 the assistance unit qualifies.

43 **"§ 108A-26.12. Other household resources.**

1 (a) The General Assembly finds that pursuant to federal regulations for AFDC,
2 there is no incentive for AFDC recipients to adopt traditional family structures because
3 the income of a 'substitute parent' or 'man-in-the-house' is not an acceptable basis for a
4 finding of ineligibility or for assuming the availability of income in determining AFDC
5 assistance pursuant to 45 CFR § 233.90. The General Assembly finds further that a
6 person who is living with a recipient parent as a 'substitute parent' or 'man-in-the-house'
7 should bear the same responsibilities and obligations as the recipient parent with regard
8 to the family.

9 (b) The Department shall ensure that the income of a person living with a recipient
10 family as a 'substitute parent' or 'man-in-the-house' shall be treated as a resource for the
11 purpose of determining the AFDC eligibility for that family.

12 **"§ 108A-26.13. Elimination of disincentives.**

13 (a) The General Assembly finds that a reliable vehicle or work equipment is often
14 a necessity to fulfill the family's education, training, work, and medical requirements.
15 Therefore, the Department of Human Resources shall ensure that the following is exempt
16 from the assistance unit's eligibility resource limits:

17 (1) The value of one motor vehicle; and

18 (2) The value of any equipment used by a self-employed person in a
19 business.

20 (b) The Department shall ensure that the AFDC-Unemployed Parent disincentives
21 are removed by:

22 (1) Eliminating the '100-hour rule' which currently removes assistance from
23 two-parent 'unemployed parent' families in which the principal wage
24 earner works 100 hours or more a month; and

25 (2) Eliminating the requirement of an employment history for two-parent
26 'unemployed parent' families, which currently requires that one parent
27 shall have worked and earned at least fifty dollars (\$50.00) in 6 of 13
28 calendar quarters prior to the date of application in order to receive
29 assistance.

30 **"§ 108A-26.14. Individual Development Accounts.**

31 (a) An Individual Development Account (IDA) is a special bank account that a
32 recipient of assistance may establish pursuant to this Part. The purpose of an Individual
33 Development Account is to allow the savings of a family receiving Aid to Families with
34 Dependent Children to be used for 'qualified distributions'.

35 (b) The term 'qualified distribution' means a distribution from the Individual
36 Development Account on behalf of a recipient family member for expenses directly
37 related to one or more of the following purposes:

38 (1) Attendance or participation in any education or training program;

39 (2) Enhancement of employment or self-employment opportunities,
40 including the purchase of an automobile and automobile insurance;

41 (3) Purchase of a home for the family;

42 (4) Relocation of the family residence; or

43 (5) Acquisition of health, disability, or long-term care insurance.

1 (c) The Department of Human Resources shall cooperate with the State Banking
2 Commission, the Credit Union Division, and the Savings Institution Division in
3 establishing and administering these accounts to ensure that only 'qualified distributions'
4 are made from these accounts.

5 (d) The assistance unit may accumulate and retain financial assets not to exceed
6 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) without losing eligibility for full benefits if those assets
7 are placed in an Individual Development Account.

8 (e) Any interest or income earned on an Individual Development Account and any
9 'qualified distribution' from the account shall be disregarded as income provided that the
10 total amount of the account does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

11 (f) For purposes of this section, nonrecurring lump-sum income shall not be
12 treated as income subject to the requirements of 45 CFR § 233.20, provided that such
13 lump-sum income is placed in an Individual Development Account, and the total amount
14 of the account does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

15 (g) The Department of Human Resources shall disregard the first three months of a
16 recipient's employment earnings if that net earned income is placed in an Individual
17 Development Account.

18 (h) The failure to hold or use assets as prescribed in this section shall cause those
19 assets to be treated as income for the purposes of this Part. The 'qualified distribution'
20 limits on the use of the Individual Development Account funds shall continue after a
21 recipient holding the account has left public assistance.

22 (i) If a recipient holding an Individual Development Account has left public
23 assistance, the account shall be disregarded in determining future eligibility provided that
24 the account was established during a previous time when the recipient was receiving
25 assistance.

26 **"§ 108A-26.15. Time limits on AFDC benefits; transitional benefits.**

27 (a) AFDC assistance shall be limited to a period of two years, upon the effective
28 date of this Part, for any recipient required to participate in any State-designated
29 employment program; provided that the two-year limit shall not begin until age 18 for
30 minors who receive assistance and would otherwise be required to participate in any
31 State-designated employment program. The two-year limitation shall apply to benefits
32 received consecutively or nonconsecutively. A recipient who has exhausted the two-year
33 time limit shall not be eligible to reapply for assistance for three years.

34 (b) A recipient who is employed full time on or before the end of the two-year
35 time limit shall be eligible to receive 24 months of transitional child care benefits
36 provided on a sliding scale based on income and Medicaid benefits provided through
37 copayment on a sliding scale based on income.

38 (c) The two-year time limit may be extended for not more than 12 additional
39 months if the local director of social services determines the extension will enhance the
40 recipient's ability to leave public assistance for paid employment; provided, however,
41 any child care and Medicaid benefits received during the 12-month extension shall count
42 toward the transitional child care and Medicaid benefits available pursuant to subsection
43 (b) of this section.

1 (d) Upon the effective date of this Part, no recipient required to participate in any
2 State-designated employment program shall receive assistance for more than a
3 cumulative 60-month period.

4 (e) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt rules necessary to implement
5 this section.

6 **"§ 108A-26.16. Diversionary assistance.**

7 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that diversionary assistance
8 is provided to persons who have short-term assistance needs and may be diverted from
9 receiving continuing public assistance if a diversion payment for a one-time emergency is
10 provided.

11 (b) A recipient of diversionary assistance may receive a diversion payment equal
12 to the maximum amount of the AFDC cash assistance the recipient would otherwise be
13 eligible to receive for up to three times the amount of the monthly grant for the household
14 size. The actual amount of the diversion payment shall be based on the recipient's
15 immediate needs and for the sum as negotiated by the caseworker and the participant.

16 (c) The diversion payment is not an entitlement or a requirement, but is an option
17 subject to approval by both the caseworker and the participant.

18 (d) A recipient may receive diversionary assistance only once within a 60-month
19 period.

20 (e) If the recipient reapplies for assistance within three months, the diversion
21 payment shall be prorated over the three months and shall be subtracted from any regular
22 AFDC grant the recipient is eligible to receive.

23 (f) A recipient applying for diversionary assistance shall cooperate fully with the
24 appropriate child-support enforcement agency. Child support collected on behalf of a
25 recipient of diversionary assistance shall be treated in the same manner as non-AFDC
26 child support and paid directly to the family.

27 (g) Diversionary assistance shall be a one-time payment and shall not count as
28 income for the purpose of determining food stamp eligibility.

29 (h) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt rules necessary to implement
30 this section.

31 **"§ 108A-26.17. Drug and alcohol treatment required; drug testing for welfare**
32 **recipients.**

33 (a) As a condition of eligibility for benefits, each applicant or current recipient,
34 determined by a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) or by a physician certified
35 by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) to be addicted to alcohol or
36 drugs and to be in need of professional substance abuse treatment services, shall be
37 required to enter into an agreement to participate satisfactorily in an individualized plan
38 of treatment in an appropriate treatment program. As a mandatory program component
39 of participation in such an addiction treatment program, each such applicant or current
40 recipient shall be required to submit to an approved, reliable, and professionally
41 administered regime of testing for presence of alcohol or drugs, without advance notice,
42 during and after participation, in accordance with the addiction treatment program's

1 individualized plan of treatment, follow-up, and continuing care services for the applicant
2 or current recipient.

3 (b) An applicant or current recipient who fails to comply with any requirement
4 imposed pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for benefits, but shall be considered
5 to be receiving such aid for purposes of determining eligibility for medical assistance.

6 (c) The children of any applicant or current recipient shall remain eligible for
7 benefits, and these benefits shall be paid to a protective payee pursuant to G.S. 108A-38.

8 (d) An applicant or current recipient shall not be regarded as failing to comply
9 with the requirements of this section if an appropriate drug or alcohol treatment program
10 is unavailable.

11 **"§ 108A-26.18. Felons; parole or probation violators.**

12 Any current recipient convicted of a felony or found in violation of parole or
13 probation shall not be eligible for benefits and their benefits shall be terminated. Such
14 recipients may reapply for assistance when the conditions of their conviction, parole, or
15 probation have been satisfied. The children of these persons shall remain eligible for
16 benefits, and these benefits shall be paid to a protective payee pursuant to G.S. 108A-38.
17 This section shall not apply to a recipient, who is convicted of a misdemeanor and
18 adjudicated in violation of parole or probation and continued on parole or probation.

19 **"§ 108A-26.19. Notification of eligibility limitations.**

20 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that all applicants for
21 assistance are informed at the time of application of the eligibility limitations and
22 requirements contained in this act.

23 (b) Effective upon ratification of these sections, the Department of Human
24 Resources shall develop a comprehensive program of public service announcements and
25 printed materials and shall work to publicize these eligibility restrictions and
26 requirements. This notification shall begin immediately following ratification of these
27 sections to encourage all affected citizens, both men and women, to accept personal and
28 family responsibility."

29 Sec. 2. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall immediately, upon
30 ratification of this act, apply for and diligently pursue any waiver that is required by the
31 federal government to implement any provision of this act.

32 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall identify any pilot demonstration or
33 control group as may be required by the federal government as a condition of granting
34 any waiver required to implement any provision of this act. The selection of any
35 demonstration or control group shall be subject to the approval of the Legislative Study
36 Commission on Welfare Reform, if reauthorized.

37 Sec. 3. (a) There is created the Legislative Study Commission on Welfare
38 Reform. The Commission shall consist of 14 members as follows:

- 39 (1) Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
40 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 41 (2) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
42 who are not members of the General Assembly;

- 1 (3) Five Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
2 and
- 3 (4) Two persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who
4 are not members of the General Assembly.
- 5 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one
6 Representative as cochair and the President Pro Tempore shall designate one Senator as
7 cochair.
- 8 (c) The Commission shall study the issue of welfare reform in light of current
9 federal and State welfare reform proposals and initiatives. The study shall include:
- 10 (1) A reexamination of the welfare system's purpose, including an
11 identification of disincentives which impede the public assistance
12 recipient's ability to become self-sufficient and recommendations aimed
13 at moving recipients toward self-sufficiency;
- 14 (2) An analysis of current federal and State welfare reform proposals and
15 initiatives and their impact, including an analysis of welfare reform
16 proposals and initiatives in other states that may serve as models for the
17 State;
- 18 (3) A detailed fiscal analysis and evaluation of the effectiveness of current
19 federal and State welfare reform proposals and initiatives; and
- 20 (4) An analysis of all other issues and variables that impact upon welfare
21 reform as deemed appropriate.
- 22 (d) The Commission shall report to the General Assembly, by the first day of each
23 regular session of the General Assembly, its recommendations on matters concerning
24 welfare reform, including legislation required to implement any recommendation. The
25 Commission shall remain in existence until terminated by the General Assembly.
- 26 (e) The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise
27 all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1
28 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
29 cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative
30 Office Building.
- 31 (f) Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses
32 at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1 or G.S. 138-5, as appropriate.
- 33 (g) The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
34 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through
35 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the work
36 of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of
37 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or committee, upon the direction of
38 the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall
39 be borne by the Commission.
- 40 (h) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, the
41 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officers who made the initial appointment.

1 (i) All State departments and agencies and local governments and their
2 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or
3 available to them.

4 Sec. 3.1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Public Instruction the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1995-96
6 fiscal year to develop an automated system to implement Learnfare.

7 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Medical
8 Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of one hundred twenty-five
9 thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year to implement the additional
10 requirements of providing transitional Medicaid with a copayment on a sliding scale
11 based on income.

12 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Social
13 Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)
14 for the 1995-96 fiscal year for a publicity campaign to notify all applicants for public
15 assistance of the eligibility conditions and requirements contained in this act.

16 (d) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly the sum
17 of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of sixty
18 thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to fund the Legislative Study
19 Commission on Welfare Reform's study established by this act.

20 Sec. 4. Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1996, and applies to
21 benefits provided on or after that date, provided that, if a waiver is required by the federal
22 government, Section 1 shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar
23 month after the waiver is accepted and applies to benefits provided made on or after that
24 date. Section 3.1 becomes effective July 1, 1995. The remainder of this act is effective
25 upon ratification.