

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1751

By: Representative Underwood

By: Senator J. Bryant

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE;  
TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR  
NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM BENEFITS TO ENGAGE IN JOB  
SEARCH ACTIVITIES WHILE THE APPLICATION IS BEING  
PROCESSED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR TEMPORARY  
ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM  
BENEFITS TO ENGAGE IN JOB SEARCH  
ACTIVITIES WHILE THE APPLICATION IS  
BEING PROCESSED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-439(f), concerning authorization for the Department of Human Services to promulgate rules related to job search activities during the transitional employment assistance application process, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The department ~~may develop and promulgate rules requiring~~ shall require program applicants who have been determined to be job-ready to engage in job search activities while the application is being processed.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-76-444, concerning the Arkansas Work Pays Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i) The department shall require Arkansas Work Pays Program applicants who have been determined to be job-ready to engage in job search activities



while the Arkansas Work Pays Program application is being processed.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-76-447. Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits.

The Department of Human Services shall require an applicant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits who has been determined to be job-ready to engage in job search activities while his or her application for benefits is being processed.

*/s/Underwood*

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