Chapter 9
Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act

Part 1
General Provisions

35A-9-101 Title.
This chapter is known as the "Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act."

Enacted by Chapter 185, 2012 General Session

35A-9-102 Definitions.
As used in this chapter:
(1) "Cycle of poverty" or "poverty cycle" means the set of factors or events by which the long-term poverty of a person is likely to continue and be experienced by each child of the person when the child becomes an adult unless there is outside intervention.

(2) (a) "Intergenerational poverty" means poverty in which two or more successive generations of a family continue in the cycle of poverty and government dependance.
(b) "Intergenerational poverty" does not include situational poverty.

(3) "Poverty" means the state of a person who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions as demonstrated by the person’s income level being at or below the United States poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.

(4) "Situational poverty" means temporary poverty that:
(a) is generally traceable to a specific incident or time period within the lifetime of a person; and
(b) is not continued to the next generation.

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Part 2
Intergenerational Poverty Tracking System

35A-9-201 Intergenerational poverty tracking system -- Data -- Analysis.
(1) The department shall establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty.

(2) The system shall:
(a) identify groups that have a high risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty;
(b) identify incidents, patterns, and trends that explain or contribute to intergenerational poverty;
(c) assist case workers, social scientists, and government officials in the study and development of effective and efficient plans and programs to help individuals and families in the state to break the cycle of poverty; and
(d) gather and track available local, state, and national data on:
(i) official poverty rates;
(ii) child poverty rates;
(iii) years spent by individuals in childhood poverty;
(iv) years spent by individuals in adult poverty; and
(v) related poverty information.

(3) The department shall:
(a) use available data in the tracking system, including public assistance data, census data, and
other data made available to the department;
(b) develop and implement methods to integrate, compare, analyze, and validate the data for the
purposes described in Subsection (2); and
(c) protect the privacy of individuals living in poverty by using and distributing data within the
tracking system in compliance with:
(i) federal requirements; and
(ii) the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

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(1) The department shall annually prepare an intergenerational poverty report for inclusion in the
department’s annual written report described in Section 35A-1-109.

(2) The intergenerational poverty report shall:
(a) report on the data, findings, and potential uses of the intergenerational poverty tracking
system described in Section 35A-9-201;
(b) describe policies, procedures, and programs that the department has implemented or
modified to help break the cycle of poverty and end welfare dependency for children in the
state affected by intergenerational poverty;
(c) contain recommendations to the Legislature on how to address issues relating to breaking
the cycle of poverty and ending welfare dependency for children in the state affected by
intergenerational poverty; and
(d) include the following reports:
(i) the report described in Section 9-1-210 by the Department of Cultural and Community
Engagement;
(ii) the report described in Section 26-1-44 by the Department of Health and Human Services;
(iii) the report described in Section 53E-1-206 by the State Board of Education; and
(iv) the report described in Section 62A-1-123 by the Department of Health and Human
Services.

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