

**FAMILY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM - CASH
ASSISTANCE TO SINGLE MINOR PARENT**

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the Family Employment Program regarding the requirements for a single minor parent to receive cash assistance under the program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► modifies the cash assistance to the single minor parent provision of the Family Employment Program by bringing it into compliance with federal law as to employment and education or training requirements.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-3-307, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **35A-3-307** is amended to read:

35A-3-307. Cash assistance to a single minor parent.

30 (1) The division may provide cash assistance to a single minor parent in accordance
31 with this section.

32 (2) A single minor parent who receives cash assistance under this part shall:

33 (a) reside in a place of residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian, or other adult
34 relative of the single minor parent, except as provided in Subsection (3);

35 (b) participate in education for parenting and life skills;

36 (c) participate in infant and child wellness programs operated by the Department of
37 Health; and

38 (d) for not less than 20 hours per week:

39 (i) attend high school or an alternative to high school, if the single minor parent does
40 not have a high school diploma;

41 (ii) participate in education or training; or

42 [~~(iii) participate in employment; or~~]

43 [~~(iv)~~] (iii) participate in a combination of employment and education or training.

44 (3) (a) If the division determines that the requirements of Subsection (2)(a) are not
45 appropriate for a single minor parent, the division may assist the single minor parent to obtain
46 suitable living arrangements, including an adult-supervised living arrangement.

47 (b) As a condition of receiving cash assistance, a single minor parent who is exempt
48 from the requirements of Subsection (2)(a) shall reside in a living arrangement that is
49 approved by the division.

50 (c) The approval by the division of a living arrangement under Subsection (3)(b):

51 (i) is a means of safeguarding the use of state and federal funds; and

52 (ii) is not a certification or guarantee of the safety, quality, or condition of the living
53 arrangements of the single minor parent.

54 (4) (a) If a single minor parent resides with a parent, the division shall include the
55 income of the parent of the single minor parent in determining the single minor parent's
56 eligibility for services and supports under this part.

57 (b) If a single minor parent receives services and supports under this chapter but does

58 not reside with a parent, the division shall seek an order under Title 78B, Chapter 12, Utah
59 Child Support Act, requiring the parent of the single minor parent to financially support the
60 single minor parent.

61 (5) The requirements of this section shall be included in a single minor parent's
62 employment plan under Section 35A-3-304.