

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 153

TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF 2021.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 153

Amend Senate Bill No. 153 as originally introduced:

Add Senators B. Ballinger, Beckham, Bledsoe, B. Davis, Flippo, T. Garner, K. Hammer, Hester, B. Johnson, D. Sullivan, C. Tucker, D. Wallace as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representatives Beaty Jr., M. Berry, Boyd, Brooks, Brown, Furman, Haak, McCollum, Underwood, Wardlaw as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "profession;" and substitute "profession; and"

AND

Page 2, line 27, delete "(2)" and substitute "(2)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 30, and substitute the following:

"individual to engage in a particular occupation or profession.

(B) "Licensing entity" does not include a political subdivision of the state or any other local or regional governmental entity, including without limitation a city of the first class, a city of the second class, an incorporated town, or a county."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 33 through 36, and substitute the following:



"(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensing entity shall not require an initial fee for individuals who are seeking to receive a license in this state if the applicant:

(1) Is receiving assistance through the Arkansas Medicaid Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or the Lifeline Assistance Program;

(2) Was approved for unemployment within the last twelve (12) months; or

(3) Has an income that does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty income guidelines.

(b) The waiver of the initial fee does not include fees for:

(1) A criminal background check;

(2) An examination or a test; or

(3) A medical or drug test.

(c) The Department of Human Services and the Division of Workforce Services shall collaborate with a licensing entity concerning verification of eligibility for public benefits for applicants, which may include obtaining a signed consent form from the applicant."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Gilmore

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Secretary