Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 640 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/31/25	
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		HOUSE BILL 1751
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5	By: Representative Underwo	bod	
6	By: Senator J. Bryant		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE;		
10	TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR		
11	NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM BENEFITS TO ENGAGE IN JOB		
12	SEARCH ACTIVITIES WHILE THE APPLICATION IS BEING		
13	PROCESSED	; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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17	TO H	REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR TEMPORARY	
18	ASSI	ISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM	
19	BENI	EFITS TO ENGAGE IN JOB SEARCH	
20	ACTI	IVITIES WHILE THE APPLICATION IS	
21	BEIN	NG PROCESSED.	
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:
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25	SECTION 1. Ark	ansas Code § 20-76-439(f), concerni	ng authorization for
26	the Department of Hum	nan Services to promulgate rules rel	ated to job search.
27	activities during the	e transitional employment assistance	application process,
28	is amended to read as	follows:	
29	(f) The depart	ment may develop and promulgate rul	<del>es requiring</del> <u>shall</u>
30	<u>require</u> program appli	cants who have been determined to b	e job-ready to engage
31	in job search activit	ies while the application is being	processed.
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33	SECTION 2. Ark	ansas Code § 20-76-444, concerning	the Arkansas Work
34	Pays Program, is amen	ded to add an additional subsection	to read as follows:
35	<u>(i) The depart</u>	ment shall require Arkansas Work Pa	ys Program applicants
36	<u>who have been determi</u>	ned to be job-ready to engage in jo	<u>b search activities</u>



1	while the Arkansas Work Pays Program application is being processed.		
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3	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 4, is		
4	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:		
5	20-76-447. Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families		
6	benefits.		
7	The Department of Human Services shall require an applicant for		
8	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits who has been determined to		
9	be job-ready to engage in job search activities while his or her application		
10	for benefits is being processed.		
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