

ARKANSAS SENATE

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011

Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 157

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TEST
NEGATIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 157

Amend Senate Bill No. 157 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 31 through 36

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 12 and substitute the following:

(ii)(a) "Available for suitable work" includes passing a drug screen approved by the Department of Workforce Services by testing negative for illegal drugs as specified in this subdivision (3)(A)(i).

(b) An applicant for unemployment benefits shall be subject to testing for illegal drugs through a program established by the Department of Workforce Services.

(c) A drug screen for eligibility under this subdivision (3)(A)(ii) shall be:

(1) Administered to a random sampling of applicants within three (3) weeks after the first weekly benefits payment and within three (3) weeks after the thirteenth week of weekly benefits payments; and

(2) Paid for by the applicant.

(d) An applicant who refuses to submit to a drug screen required under subdivision (3)(A)(ii)(b) of this section or who has tested positive in a drug screen required under subdivision (3)(A)(ii)(b) of this section is not eligible to receive benefits until such time as the required drug screen is taken and passed."

AND

Page 2, line 36, delete "July 1, 2011." and substitute "January 1, 2012."



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

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