

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-057

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1911

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6 By: Representative Bryant

7 Filed with: Arkansas Legislative Council
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE;
11 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE
12 DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN A
13 PILOT PROGRAM RELATED TO REAL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND
14 INCOME DATA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PUBLIC
19 ASSISTANCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT
20 PROGRAM RELATED TO REAL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
21 AND INCOME DATA FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC
22 ASSISTANCE.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 20-76-118. Pilot program for real-time employment and income data.

30 (a) As used in the section:

31 (1) "Consumer reporting agency" means an agency as defined by
32 the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., as it existed on
33 January 1, 2021;

34 (2) "Payroll data provider" means payroll providers,
35 verification companies, and other commercial or noncommercial entities that
36 collect and maintain data regarding employment and income; and

1 (3) "Real-time employment and income data" means up-to-date,
2 nonmodeled employment and income data provided by employers.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the
4 contrary, in order to improve the timeliness of benefit deliveries,
5 operational efficiencies, and cost savings and to minimize fraud, the
6 Department of Human Services and the Division of Workforce Services may
7 participate in a no-cost pilot program in which real-time employment and
8 income data is obtained from a payroll data provider that is a consumer
9 reporting agency for the purpose of assisting with the determination of an
10 individual's eligibility to receive the following benefits:

- 11 (1) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- 12 (2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and
- 13 (3) Unemployment.

14 (c) The real-time employment and income data obtained under subsection
15 (b) of this section may also be used to conduct an analysis on the pilot
16 program.

17 (d) Should the pilot program successfully demonstrate cost savings,
18 the department and the division may incorporate the real-time employment and
19 income data into the eligibility verification determination processes.

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22 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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