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A Bill

SENATE BILL 538

4 By: Senators Bradford and Keet

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHTEEN
9 (18) AND SIXTY-FOUR (64) WHO ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC
10 ASSISTANCE AND DO NOT HOLD A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS
11 EQUIVALENT TO ENROLL IN A CERTIFIED ADULT EDUCATION
12 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

14 "TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERSONS BETWEEN THE
15 AGES OF 18 AND 64 WHO ARE RECEIVING
16 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ENROLL IN ADULT
17 EDUCATION PROGRAMS."
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. (a) As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
23 requires, "Public assistance" means federal or state funds, or any
24 combination thereof, in cash or kind, whose distribution to the public is
25 administered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

26 (b) Any person, *excluding individuals with developmental disabilities*,
27 between the ages of eighteen (18) and sixty-five (65) years of age, who
28 receives public assistance, who does not hold a high school diploma or its
29 equivalent, and who is not enrolled in a postsecondary educational
30 institution approved by the State Board of Higher Education shall enroll in
31 an adult education program approved by the Adult Education Section of the
32 Vocational and Technical Division of the Department of Education or risk
33 forfeiture of public assistance.

34 (c)(1) It shall be the responsibility of any person described in
35 subsection (b) to contact adult education program officials and to enroll in

1 the appropriate instructional activity in the program.

2 (2) To the extent possible, persons shall participate in full-
3 time adult programs,

4 (3) Those persons who lack transportation or have child-care
5 responsibilities or other reasons, as determined by the adult education
6 program administrator, shall be eligible to participate in an individualized
7 home-study adult education program, which shall include bi-monthly meetings
8 with adult education instructors for counseling.

9 (d)(1) It shall be the responsibility of the person enrolled in adult
10 education under this act to provide the county office of the Department of
11 Human Services with proof of enrollment and a monthly progress and attendance
12 report from the adult education program.

13 (2) If the person fails to provide proof of adult education
14 enrollment or satisfactory progress and attendance for a period of ninety
15 (90) days, the Department of Human Services may terminate public assistance.

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17 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
19 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
28 hereby repealed.

29 /s/Bradford et al.

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