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2 95th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: H3/31/25

**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1751

5 By: Representative Underwood  
6 By: Senator J. Bryant  
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**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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**Subtitle**

16 TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR TEMPORARY  
17 ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM  
18 BENEFITS TO ENGAGE IN JOB SEARCH  
19 ACTIVITIES WHILE THE APPLICATION IS  
20 BEING PROCESSED.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-439(f), concerning authorization for  
26 the Department of Human Services to promulgate rules related to job search  
27 activities during the transitional employment assistance application process,  
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 (f) The department ~~may develop and promulgate rules requiring~~ shall  
30 require program applicants who have been determined to be job-ready to engage  
31 in job search activities while the application is being processed.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-76-444, concerning the Arkansas Work  
34 Pays Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

35 (i) The department shall require Arkansas Work Pays Program applicants  
36 who have been determined to be job-ready to engage in job search activities



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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