

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 362
SENATE BILL 131

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 108 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MANDATE THAT PERSONS RECEIVING AFDC REGISTER AND ACCEPT REASONABLE EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PRIORITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTEER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS RECEIVING AFDC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 108-39(b) and (c), as the same appear in Volume 3A of the General Statutes, are hereby repealed, and the following sections are substituted therefor:

"(b) No applicant for or recipient of an Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant who has the ability and capacity for gainful employment but who is not employed on a part-time or full-time basis shall have his needs included in an Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant unless he registers with the Employment Security Commission and accepts reasonable employment when it is available. The needs of the remaining family members shall be met in the form of a protective payment in accordance with G.S. 108-50 in the event that a recipient-payee is declared ineligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children by the county department of social services for failure to register with the Employment Security Commission or to accept reasonable employment when it is available.

(c) A recipient of an Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant is specifically exempt from the registration and employment requirements of subsection (b) if he is:

- (1) a child who is under age 16 or attending school full time;
- (2) a person who is ill, incapacitated, or of advanced age;
- (3) a person so remote from a local office of the Employment Security Commission or an available employment opportunity that his effective participation is precluded;
- (4) a person whose presence in the home is required because of illness or incapacity of another member of the household; or
- (5) a mother or other relative of a child under the age of six who is caring for the child.

(d) Members of families with dependent children and with aggregate family income at or below the level required for eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children grants, regardless of whether or not they have applied for such grants, shall be given priority in obtaining manpower services including training and public service employment provided by or through State agencies or with funds which are allocated to the State of North Carolina directly or indirectly through prime sponsors or otherwise for the purpose of employment of unemployed persons."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May, 1977.