



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

Bob Bennett

H.B. 500

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Arndt, Schuring, Boose, Cupp, Romanchuk, Young, Sprague, Brenner

BILL SUMMARY

- Provides for the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) to be implemented for an additional fiscal year: fiscal year 2018.
- Prohibits action being taken against a county or any entity of a county on the basis of a failure to meet, before July 1, 2017, performance measures established for CCMEP.
- Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to use funds appropriated by the bill as a flexible funding source to establish and operate a five-county case management pilot program during fiscal year 2017.
- Provides for the case management pilot program to include support services to individuals who are ineligible for Ohio Works First or workforce development activities and reside in a county participating in the pilot program.
- Requires the ODJFS Director to administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) during an additional fiscal year: fiscal year 2018.
- Makes an appropriation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program

The bill provides for the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) to be implemented for an additional fiscal year: fiscal year 2018.¹ Current law requires the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, to create, coordinate, and supervise the program during fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

The purpose of CCMEP is to make certain employment and training services available to the program's participants in accordance with comprehensive assessments of the participants' employment and training needs. Continuing law requires each board of county commissioners to designate either its county department of job and family services or its workforce development agency as the lead agency to administer CCMEP in the county.

Continuing law provides that CCMEP is a family services duty (a duty state law requires or allows a county department of job and family services to assume), a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and a workforce development activity. This makes CCMEP subject to all statutes that apply to family services duties, TANF programs, and workforce development activities, including statutes that address such issues as the following: (1) the recovery of money spent for family services duties, (2) ODJFS establishing and enforcing performance and other administrative standards for family services duties, and (3) ODJFS taking corrective action against a county entity regarding a family services duty or workforce development activity.

The bill prohibits action from being taken against a county or any entity of a county on the basis of a failure to meet, before July 1, 2017, performance measures established for CCMEP. The bill permits rules that the ODJFS Director is to adopt to implement CCMEP to address performance measures for CCMEP.²

Case management pilot program

ODJFS is required to use \$7.5 million appropriated by the bill as a flexible funding source to establish and operate (during fiscal year 2017) a case management

¹ Section 305.190(C) of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly (as amended in Section 1 of the bill).

² Section 305.190(H) and (I) of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly (as amended in Section 1 of the bill).

pilot program that provides support services to individuals who are (1) ineligible for or have become ineligible for Ohio Works First or workforce development activities funded by the TANF block grant or the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and (2) residents of a county participating in the pilot program. ODJFS must select up to five counties to participate in the pilot program from among counties that apply to participate. Any county is permitted to apply to participate. In selecting counties, ODJFS is required to attempt to include at least one urban county, at least one suburban county, and at least one rural county. The support services to be provided under the pilot program cannot be support services available under Ohio Works First or workforce development activities funded by the TANF block grant or WIOA.³

ODJFS is required by the bill to complete a report on the pilot program not later than October 1, 2017. The report must include recommendations for implementing statewide the best practices identified as a result of the pilot program. ODJFS must submit copies of the report to the Governor and General Assembly. In submitting the copies to the General Assembly, ODJFS is to provide copies to the Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the House of Representatives, House Minority Leader, and the Legislative Service Commission Director.⁴

Administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

The bill requires the Director of Job and Family Services to administer WIOA during an additional fiscal year: fiscal year 2018.⁵ Current law requires the Director to administer the act during fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

WIOA was enacted in 2014 for the following purposes:

(1) To increase access to and opportunities for the employment, education, training, and support services that individuals, particularly those with barriers to employment, need to succeed in the labor market;

(2) To support the alignment of workforce investment, education, and economic development systems in support of a comprehensive, accessible, and high-quality workforce development system in the U.S.;

(3) To improve the quality and labor market relevance of workforce investment, education, and economic development efforts to provide America's workers with the

³ Section 4(B), (C), and (D).

⁴ Section 4(E).

⁵ Section 305.190(B) of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly (as amended in Section 1 of the bill).

skills and credentials necessary to secure and advance in employment with family-sustaining wages and to provide America's employers with the skilled workers the employers need to succeed in a global economy;

(4) To promote improvement in the structure and delivery of services through the U.S. workforce development system to better address the employment and skill needs of workers, jobseekers, and employers;

(5) To increase workers' and employers' prosperity, the economic growth of communities, regions, and states, and the United States' global competitiveness;

(6) To provide workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce development systems, that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase attainment of recognized postsecondary credentials by participants, and as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self-sufficiency, meet the skill requirements of employers, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the U.S.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced

03-24-16

H0500-I-131.docx/emr

⁶ 29 United States Code 3101.

