

CHAPTER 216

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 96-194

BY SENATORS Coffman, Schaffer, and Weddig;
also REPRESENTATIVES Foster, Kerns, McPherson, Morrison, and Snyder.

AN ACT

CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TEENAGE PARENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JOBS PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 26-2-407, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to read:

26-2-407. Target populations - voluntary participation - required participation. (3) COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SHALL GIVE PRIORITY, AS OPENINGS BECOME AVAILABLE, TO THE PLACEMENT OF PARENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY AND WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN THE JOBS PROGRAM, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT.

(4) PARENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AT THE ATTAINMENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE JOBS PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. 26-2-408 (1) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., is amended, and the said 26-2-408 (1), as amended, is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

26-2-408. Exceptions and limitations on participation. (1) In accordance with the "Family Support Act of 1988" (P.L. 100-485), the following individuals shall be exempt from mandatory participation in the JOBS program:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(g) Any parent ~~or the relative~~ of a child under one year of age who is personally providing care for the child AND WHO HAS COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL OR ITS EQUIVALENT OR IS TWENTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;

(j) ANY RELATIVE WHO IS NOT THE PARENT OF A CHILD UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE WHO IS PERSONALLY PROVIDING CARE FOR THE CHILD.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 23, 1996