

CHAPTER 86

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 01-1004

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also SENATOR(S) Epps, Evans, Hagedorn, Linkhart, Hanna, Hernandez, Pascoe, Tupa, and Windels.

AN ACT

CONCERNING EARNED INCOME DISREGARDS FOR THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. 26-2-709 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-2-709. Benefits - cash assistance - programs. (1) Basic assistance grant.
(a) (I) Except as provided in this part 7 and subject to available appropriations, a participant shall receive a basic assistance grant in the amount of the AFDC cash grant that such participant would have received under rules governing the AFDC program in Colorado that were in effect on July 16, 1996, ~~including the rules allowing income disregards~~ except for the child care disregard which shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of part 8 of this article. THE EARNINGS INCOME DISREGARD FOR COLORADO WORKS SHALL BE TWO-THIRDS OF THE PARTICIPANT'S GROSS INCOME AND SHALL BE APPLIED FOR TWELVE CUMULATIVE MONTHS. THE GROSS INCOME TEST SHALL NOT APPLY TO A PARTICIPANT OF COLORADO WORKS DURING THOSE MONTHS. AFTER THE RECEIPT OF TWELVE CUMULATIVE MONTHS OF DISREGARD, THE INCOME DISREGARD FOR COLORADO WORKS SHALL CONSIST OF THE EARNINGS DISREGARD A PARTICIPANT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED UNDER RULES GOVERNING THE AFDC PROGRAM IN COLORADO THAT WERE IN EFFECT ON JULY 16, 1996, EXCEPT FOR THE CHILD CARE DISREGARD WHICH SHALL BE PAID PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 8 OF THIS ARTICLE. No increase in the amount of the basic assistance grant approved by the state board shall take effect unless the funding for such increase is included and identified specifically in the annual general appropriations act or a supplemental appropriations act.

(II) ANY COUNTY THAT OPERATES A MANUAL OR ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR INCREASING EARNED INCOME DISREGARDS THAT WAS IN PLACE AS OF DECEMBER 31,

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

2000, MAY CONTINUE WITH THAT CALCULATION OR SHALL FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a).

SECTION 2. 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.

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