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Brief Description: Establishing WorkFirst performance measures.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to ensure that the WorkFirst program leads to substantial increases in hourly wages and quarterly earnings, and high levels of job retention.

Acknowledges that receipt of food stamps, medicaid, and child care benefits provide wage supports that can raise families' standard of living and prevent families from returning to cash assistance because they need health care, child care, or are hungry.

Declares an intent to adopt performance measures and goals for increases in hourly wages, quarterly earnings, job retention, and access to benefits that support work for WorkFirst participants who have entered unsubsidized paid employment.