

HB 2782 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides an efficient, effective, integrated approach to the delivery of basic support services and education and training programs, which includes an online benefits portal where individuals can apply for a broad array of services, including public benefits and education and training support, and the expansion of the food stamp employment and training program.

Creates an online opportunity portal to provide the public with more effective access to available state, federal, and local services.

Requires the department of social and health services, the employment security department, and the state board for community and technical colleges to work in partnership to expand the food stamp employment and training program.

Creates the disability lifeline program to provide aid and support to certain needy persons and allows those persons who become ineligible for the program to be given high priority for enrollment in the basic health plan.

Provides chemical dependency treatment to certain clients who are determined to be in need of treatment.

Provides housing services and a reduced monthly cash stipend, rather than the full disability lifeline cash benefit, to homeless persons eligible for disability lifeline benefits.

Requires recipients exempted from active work search activities due to incapacity or a disability to receive certain disability lifeline benefits.

Provides that section 2 of the act, which creates the online opportunity portal, is null and void if private funding sufficient to implement and operate the online opportunity portal is not secured by December 31, 2010.