

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1095

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND WELFARE; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-268, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 56-268, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

56-268. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM. (1) There is hereby established in the department of health and welfare an employment and training program available to:

(a) Persons with an income at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level; and

(b) Persons who have recently lost eligibility for public assistance due to an increase in income.

(2) To enroll in the employment and training program, a person must:

(a) Develop a plan, with the assistance of a qualified nonprofit organization identified by the department, to achieve financial stability. The plan's description should include a statement of how funds furnished pursuant to subsection (4) of this section would assist with such achievement; and

(b) Attend a financial literacy or health coaching program offered by a qualified nonprofit organization identified by the department. For purposes of this subsection, a qualified nonprofit organization is an organization that:

(i) Qualifies for tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code; and

(ii) Has at least two (2) years of experience in:

1. Working with those in poverty and offering a financial literacy course that covers the major areas of personal finance; or

2. Providing a health coaching program with a curriculum that has been successful in helping individuals who follow the course improve their health.

(3) Subject to available state funding, persons may participate in the employment and training program:

(a) For up to six (6) months, if the person qualifies based on income; or

(b) For up to three (3) months, if the person recently lost eligibility for public assistance due to an increase in income.

(4) Participants in the program shall be granted five hundred dollars (\$500) that may be used for:

(a) Workforce training;

- 1 (b) Expenses related to health care, such as deposit in a medical sav-
- 2 ings account; or
- 3 (c) Other uses identified by the department.
- 4 (5) The department is authorized to take such actions as are necessary
- 5 to implement and enforce the provisions of this section.