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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 344, L.D. 481, Bill, “An Act To Promote Workforce Participation”

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 19 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (7) (page 2, lines 36 to 43 and page 3, lines 1 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

(7) In determining benefit levels for TANF recipients who have earnings from employment, the department shall disregard from monthly earnings the following:

- (a) One hundred and eight dollars;
- (b) Fifty percent of the remaining earnings that are less than the federal poverty level; and
- (c) All actual child care costs necessary for work, except that the department may limit the child care disregard to \$175 per month per child or \$200 per month per child under 2 years of age or with special needs.

This subparagraph is repealed July 1, 2019.

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B by inserting after subparagraph (7-A) the following:

(7-B) Beginning July 1, 2019, in determining benefit levels for TANF recipients who have earnings from employment, the department shall disregard from monthly earnings the following:

- (a) All actual child care costs necessary for work, except that the department may limit the child care disregard to \$175 per month per child or \$200 per month per child under 2 years of age or with special needs;

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