

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering existing ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN CHILD
SUPPORT OBLIGORS

SECTION _____.01. Subtitle B, Title 4, Labor Code, is amended by adding Chapter 314 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 314. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN CHILD SUPPORT
OBLIGORS

Sec. 314.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Nonrecipient parent" has the meaning assigned by
Section 31.0021, Human Resources Code.

(2) "Obligor" has the meaning assigned by Section
101.022, Family Code.

(3) "Title IV-D agency" has the meaning assigned by
Section 101.033, Family Code.

(4) "Title IV-D case" has the meaning assigned by
Section 101.034, Family Code.

Sec. 314.002. PROGRAM. (a) The commission and the Title
IV-D agency jointly shall develop and administer an employment
services program to provide eligible child support obligors with
assistance in obtaining employment so that the obligors may satisfy
their child support obligations. The program shall:

(1) provide an eligible obligor employment services
similar to those services provided to a recipient or nonrecipient
parent under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code; and

(2) direct eligible obligors, in appropriate cases, to
local workforce development boards for skills assessment, job
training, job placement, and job monitoring.

(b) A referral of an eligible obligor to employment services
under this chapter may be made in conjunction with a referral by the
Title IV-D agency under Section 231.117, Family Code.

Sec. 314.003. ELIGIBILITY. The commission, in
collaboration with the Title IV-D agency, by rule shall prescribe
criteria for determining a child support obligor's eligibility to
participate in the program. The criteria must include the
requirement that a child support obligor be unemployed or

underemployed.

Sec. 314.004. REQUIRED PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN OBLIGORS.

(a) On a determination by the Title IV-D agency that an obligor in a Title IV-D case who is eligible to participate in the program is delinquent in paying a child support obligation, the agency may request a court of competent jurisdiction to render an order requiring the obligor to participate in the program. In making requests under this subsection, the Title IV-D agency shall give priority to making requests in regard to obligors who are the parent of a current or former recipient of financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, or medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

(b) If the court orders an obligor to participate in the program, the commission shall:

(1) direct the obligor to an appropriate workforce development board for skills assessment, job training, job placement, and job monitoring; and

(2) monitor the obligor's participation in any required program activities.

(c) An obligor who fails to participate in the program as required by a court order shall be reported to the Title IV-D agency for the imposition of any penalty authorized by law.

Sec. 314.005. FUNDING. The commission may allocate for the development, implementation, and administration of the program any money available to the commission through the grant provided under Section 403, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 603), and may use any other federal or state funds available for that purpose.

Sec. 314.006. RULES. The commission, in collaboration with the Title IV-D agency, shall adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this chapter, including rules:

(1) for directing eligible child support obligors to the employment services provided by the program; and

(2) prescribing the job monitoring and reporting requirements under the program.

SECTION _____.02. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this article, the Texas Workforce Commission, in collaboration with the Title IV-D agency, shall adopt rules for the

administration of Chapter 314, Labor Code, as added by this article.