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S 0140 General Bill, By Bright and Bryant

Summary: Drug test required for person seeking public assistance

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 27, RELATING TO DRUG TESTING AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO DEFINE THE TERM "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE", TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, A PERSON SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MUST SUBMIT TO CERTAIN DRUG TESTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST BE GIVEN NOTICE THAT DRUG TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING BENEFITS AND THAT THE PERSON MUST BEAR THE COST OF TESTING, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF THE POSITIVE DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE AND IS DENIED BENEFITS AS A RESULT MAY REAPPLY FOR THOSE BENEFITS AFTER SIX MONTHS IF HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND PASSES AN INITIAL DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TWICE FAILS A DRUG TEST MAY NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS THIS TEST TO A PERSON WHO TWICE FAILS THE TEST IMMEDIATELY SHALL TERMINATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IT PAYS HIM.

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