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2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1446

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1446

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 27, 2003

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2	x		15.9 - 35.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Rynjow</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Sandvig appeared as prime sponsor stating this will allow a parent to stay at home with a child up to 12 months of age.

Questions and concerns of the committee regarding why should we treat people on public assistance any different than other people of North Dakota and this will allow both parents to stay at home or just one.

Linda Reinke of CCR&R, Lutheran Social Services appeared in support with written testimony.

Rep. Porter noted that this is exempting both parents and is that the intent? No

Most employees are under the family leave act (4 months) and why should we exceed what everyone else has to live under? Many times families who aren't on TANIF have 2 parents to help with decision making such as child care, they are not searching for work like these families are.

Barb Arnold-Tengesdal, Executive Director for voices for ND's Children, supports with written testimony.

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Rep. Price had concerns with some of the issues facing kids with the fact that their parents have problems such as domestic violence, alcohol or whatever, are we delaying some of those things and by not having them be self sufficient as early as possible, aren't we in some way harming the children?

Answer: Feels there is two issues: Pushing the family to go to work to be self sufficient so quickly, the parents and how that affects the children and feels that they aren't mutually exclusive but this bill is allowing the families the opportunity when there are new borns to make a little maybe better attachment and allow a person to move into the work force when they are more ready.

Rep. Sandvig noted that TANF parents do get 100% paid child care assistance.

Kathy Lampran, RN Child Care Health Consultant, Child Care Resource and Referral appeared in support with written testimony.

John Hougen, Director of Public Assistance for Dept. of Human Services appeared to give info on TANF with written testimony.

Mr. Hougen states that a family with child under 6 years of age would have to work 20 hours a week and if youngest child is over 6 years of age, would have to work 30 hours a week in order to meet the participation requirements. We cannot penalize someone who can't find child care.

Rep. Price asked for some information what you give the eligibility workers as far as what you need to meet the requirements for TANF, as far as dollar amount and then also the amount per child.

Mr. Hougen also stated that SB 2155 won't happen unless Federal goes into affect and has no idea when that will happen. Closed hearing.

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Rep. Price asked for clarification and if she was understanding correcting from Rep. Sandvig that if we'd allow the 12 months for the 1st child and they had a 2nd child, there would be no allowance at all? Answer: That was her understanding also, just the 12 months per family.

Rep. Potter noted the same concerns as Rep. Porter with this bill exempting both parents.

Rep. Porter noted that Mr. Hougen talked about SB 2155 and if Rep. Sandvig knew of that and what this bill would do to that flexibility that SB 2155 is trying to give the Dept. in adjusting to new federal regulations and if your stance on this bill has changed.

Rep. Sandvig: It would be better to try to get this one to go through in case nothing happened in the federal (they don't change anything). This one would be in effect in case nothing else happened with that bill.

Rep. Porter had further concerns with a single mother and has a 2nd child but has no benefits left, what happens to them? If you use this once and then have nothing, then everything is unqualified.

Rep. Sandvig: I realize that could happen, but the whole idea is that they will not have another child.

Rep. Uglem has a concern stating that an average child is better off staying at home with their mother than going out to daycare. But in the TANF families, many of which there are a lot of problems at home, I can't help but wonder if both the mother and the child are better off to get out of that home sooner.

Rep. Neimeier states that she doesn't want to see this committee endorsing the position that nursing mothers are bad mothers. Feels that a child being with their mother for 12 months, for the most part, is going to be very beneficial to that child.

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Rep. Weisz gave scenario as the first child being 9 months old when a 2nd child is born, they only have 3 months to bring it to the full 12 month limit and is not sure that is the intent.

Rep. Porter moved a DO NOT PASS motion, second by Rep. Kreidt.

Discussion:

Rep. Sandvig stated she would like more time to work with Mr. Hougen and the pilot.

Rep. Price stated we will get SB 2155 and will be in our committee and that that bill will really try to bring more flexibility.

Vote: 9 - 4 - 0 Rep. Porter to carry the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/21/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1446

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill would change the exemption from required work activities in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF). Current law exempts a parent from required work activities if they have a child under four months of age. This bill would expand the exemption to parents that have a child under nine months of age. Since there would be no change in eligibility rules, there shouldn't be any increase in the TANF caseload. Increasing the exemption to nine months could result in some families remaining on assistance longer, however, there could be some savings in child care expenditures and other support services tied to work or education. The fiscal impact of this bill is not able to be determined.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

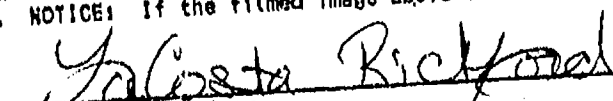
A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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Phone Number:	328-3695	Date Prepared:	01/24/2003

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Date: January 27, 2003
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1446**

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DNP

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Kreidt

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price - Chair	✓		Rep. Sally Sandvig		✓
Rep. Bill Devlin, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman		✓
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier		✓
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓		Rep. Louise Potter		✓
Rep. Gerald Uglem	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Gary Kreidt	✓				
Rep. Alon Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 9 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Porter

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 27, 2003 11:54 a.m.

Module No: HR-15-1105
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1446: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT**
PASS (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1446 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

(2) DESK, (3) COMM

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