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REQUIRE DRUG TREATMENT FOR AFDC

House Bill 5162

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Committee: Human Services

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5162 AS INTRODUCED 9-27-95

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require certain people to undergo substance abuse treatment as a condition of receiving cash assistance (AFDC). The requirement would apply to those recipients who were unable to participate in activities leading to self-sufficiency because of a substance abuse problem, and to recipients who the Department of Social Services had reasonable cause to believe had substance abuse problems. Under the bill, the department would be required to refer these individuals to substance abuse treatment programs, and require them to undergo treatment. If necessary to monitor a recipient's compliance with the treatment program, the department could require the person to undergo periodic drug testing.

The department would be required to make periodic reports to the legislature regarding the impact of the bill, including statistics on the incidence of substance abuse problems among recipients and a description of the department's efforts to assist recipients in overcoming those problems. The department would also be required to seek any necessary state plan amendments and federal waivers to implement the bill. The bill specifies that it could not be implemented unless necessary federal approval was obtained.

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