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An act relating to the Passport to Economic Progress program; amending s. 445.048, F.S.; changing the phrase "Food Stamp Program" to the phrase "Food Assistance Program" in reference to federal waivers for the Passport to Economic Progress program; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 445.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

445.048 Passport to Economic Progress program.-

(2) WAIVERS.—If Workforce Florida, Inc., in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services, finds that federal waivers would facilitate implementation of the program, the department shall immediately request such waivers, and Workforce Florida, Inc., shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives if any refusal of the federal government to grant such waivers prevents the implementation of the program. If Workforce Florida, Inc., finds that federal waivers to provisions of the Food Assistance Stamp Program would facilitate implementation of the program, the Department of Children and Family Services shall immediately request such waivers in accordance with s. 414.175.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.