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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to work experience and job training for noncustodial parents; creating s. 414.385, F.S.; providing a definition; establishing a work experience and job training program for noncustodial parents; requiring the Agency for Workforce Innovation to administer the program; providing criteria for participation in the program; providing a penalty for nonparticipation under certain circumstances; providing requirements for a service provider; requiring the service provider to offer assistance in obtaining federal earned income tax credits under certain circumstances; specifying prohibited activities of a service provider; directing the agency to enter into private contracts for the provision of services; providing selection criteria for providers under such contracts; providing agency rulemaking authority; amending ss. 409.2564, 61.13, and 61.14, F.S., to conform; amending s. 28.101, F.S.; imposing an additional dissolution of marriage filing charge; requiring the clerk of court to transfer charge proceeds to the agency for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 414.385, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

414.385 Work experience and job training program for noncustodial parents.--

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29 (1) For the purposes of this section, "agency" means the
 30 Agency for Workforce Innovation.

31 (2) A work experience and job training program for
 32 noncustodial parents is established. The program shall be
 33 administered by the agency.

34 (3) An obligor is eligible for entrance into the program
 35 if, 30 days after any order for support, the obligor is still
 36 unemployed.

37 (4) If the court orders an obligor to participate in the
 38 work experience and job training program, the obligor must
 39 register with the local program service provider.

40 (5) Every obligor ordered into the work experience and job
 41 training program must participate in work experience, peer
 42 support, job training, job placement, or educational activities
 43 for up to 40 hours per week.

44 (6) Any obligor ordered to participate in the program
 45 under this section who fails without good cause to participate
 46 as ordered by the court may be held in contempt.

47 (7) The local work experience and job training program
 48 service provider shall, directly or through contract:

49 (a) If necessary, enroll the obligor in a mandatory job
 50 training readiness program of up to 4 weeks in duration.

51 (b) Assess the obligor's employment skills.

52 (c) Assess the obligor's educational and literacy skills
 53 and enroll the obligor in a local adult educational program if
 54 necessary.

55 (d) Perform job search assistance and job matching
 56 functions, which shall include on-the-job training, to combine
 57 skill-building and immediate income.

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58 (e) Monitor the progress of the obligor's employment.

59 (f) Offer a peer support program to educate the obligor
60 about the responsibilities of a noncustodial parent, to
61 encourage positive parental behavior and sexual responsibility,
62 and to enhance the obligor's life skills.

63 (g) Offer support services to custodial and noncustodial
64 parents to resolve conflicts concerning visitation, household
65 expenditures, lifestyles, child care, and school arrangements.

66 (h) Advise the court when the obligor becomes employed and
67 of the obligor's continuing employment progress every 30 days.

68 (i) Counsel the obligor about job retention and
69 advancement.

70 (j) Offer follow-up and support services for a period of 6
71 months.

72 (8) If the obligor becomes employed before starting the
73 program or becomes employed through the efforts of the local
74 work experience and job training program service provider but
75 cannot earn an adequate wage level for court-ordered child
76 support as determined by s. 61.30 or otherwise by a court of
77 competent jurisdiction, the service provider shall assist the
78 obligor in obtaining federal earned income tax credits and, if
79 the wages and the earned income tax credits are less than an
80 adequate amount for the court-ordered child support, shall
81 attempt to obtain additional or improved employment for the
82 obligor. To determine whether the obligor has an adequate wage
83 level, the following criteria shall be considered:

84 (a) All earnings, income, and resources of the obligor.

85 (b) The ability of the obligor to earn.

86 (c) The reasonable necessities of the obligor.

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87 (d) The needs of the dependent child for whom support is
 88 sought.

89 (9) The local program service provider shall not:

90 (a) Charge the obligor for services obtained under this
 91 program; or

92 (b) Enroll the obligor in a community work program.

93 (10) The agency shall contract with a private service
 94 provider for job training, placement, and support services. The
 95 agency shall develop a request for proposal to include
 96 procedures and criteria for the competitive acceptance of
 97 proposals from interested service providers. Each interested
 98 service provider seeking to participate in the program pursuant
 99 to this section must be able to demonstrate:

100 (a) Experience in executing large-scale social
 101 experiments.

102 (b) Experience in doing research involving waivers of
 103 federal AFDC, JOBS, and Child Support Enforcement policies.

104 (c) An understanding of the demographics and experiences
 105 of economically disadvantaged noncustodial parents.

106 (d) Experience in working directly with state programs
 107 designed to assist disadvantaged noncustodial parents.

108 (11) The agency, in consultation with the Department of
 109 Revenue, shall adopt rules to implement this section.

110 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 409.2564, Florida
 111 Statutes, is amended to read:

112 409.2564 Actions for support.--

113 (7) In a judicial circuit with a work experience and job
 114 training program for noncustodial parents as established in s.
 115 414.385 pilot project, if the obligor is a noncustodial parent

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116 of a child receiving public assistance as defined in this
 117 chapter, is unemployed or underemployed or has no income, then
 118 the court shall order the obligor to seek employment, if the
 119 obligor is able to engage in employment, and to immediately
 120 notify the court upon obtaining employment, upon obtaining any
 121 income, or upon obtaining any ownership of any asset with a
 122 value of \$500 or more. If the obligor is still unemployed 30
 123 days after any order for support, the court shall order the
 124 obligor to enroll in a work experience, ~~job placement~~, and job
 125 training program.

126 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
 127 61.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

128 61.13 Custody and support of children; visitation rights;
 129 power of court in making orders.--

130 (1)

131 (e) In a judicial circuit with a work experience and job
 132 training program for noncustodial parents as established in s.
 133 414.385 ~~pilot project~~, if the obligor is unemployed or has no
 134 income and does not have an account at a financial institution,
 135 then the court shall order the obligor to seek employment, if
 136 the obligor is able to engage in employment, and to immediately
 137 notify the court upon obtaining employment, upon obtaining any
 138 income, or upon obtaining any ownership of any asset with a
 139 value of \$500 or more. If the obligor is still unemployed 30
 140 days after any order for support, the court may order the
 141 obligor to enroll in the work experience, ~~job placement~~, and job
 142 training ~~pilot~~ program for noncustodial parents as established
 143 in s. 414.385 ~~409.2565~~, if the obligor is eligible for entrance
 144 into the ~~pilot~~ program.

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145 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 146 61.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

147 61.14 Enforcement and modification of support,
 148 maintenance, or alimony agreements or orders.--

149 (5)

150 (b) In a judicial circuit with a work experience and job
 151 training program for noncustodial parents as established in s.
 152 414.385 ~~pilot project~~, if at the time of the contempt hearing
 153 the obligor is unemployed or has no income, then the court shall
 154 order the obligor to seek employment, if the obligor is able to
 155 engage in employment, and to immediately notify the court upon
 156 obtaining employment, upon obtaining any income, or upon
 157 obtaining any ownership of any asset with a value of \$500 or
 158 more. If the obligor is still unemployed 30 days after any order
 159 for support, the court may order the obligor to enroll in a work
 160 experience, ~~job placement~~, and job training program for
 161 noncustodial parents as established in s. 414.385 ~~409.2565~~, if
 162 the obligor is eligible for entrance into the ~~pilot~~ program.

163 Section 5. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of
 164 section 28.101, Florida Statutes, to read:

165 28.101 Petitions and records of dissolution of marriage;
 166 additional charges.--

167 (1) When a party petitions for a dissolution of marriage,
 168 in addition to the filing charges in s. 28.241, the clerk shall
 169 collect and receive:

170 (e) A charge of \$25. On a monthly basis, the clerk shall
 171 transfer all the moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph to
 172 the Agency of Workforce Innovation for the specific purpose of

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173 funding the work experience and job training program for
174 noncustodial parents established in s. 414.385.

175 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.