



1 Corrections is authorized to implement a twenty-four-month pilot  
2 project to establish a responsible parenting program that:

3 (1) Identifies for enrollment in the program persons who:

4 (A) Are parents of one or more children;

5 (B) Are present or former recipients of Temporary Aid to Needy  
6 Families or have one or more children who are receiving Temporary  
7 Aid to Needy Families;

8 (C) Have an income that is at two hundred percent or below the  
9 federal poverty level;

10 (D) Are within nine months of their release from prison or  
11 have been previously incarcerated; and

12 (E) Currently reside or will reside in Kanawha, Cabell,  
13 Raleigh, Mason, Mercer, McDowell, Wood, Randolph, Putnam or  
14 Harrison Counties.

15 (2) Includes a course of instruction, that may include, but is  
16 not limited to:

17 (A) Healthy marriage/relationship skills;

18 (B) Parenting skills;

19 (C) Job seeking training that includes:

20 (i) Knowledge of personal aptitudes, skills and preferences;

21 (ii) Knowledge of different types of employment opportunities;

22 (iii) Resume drafting, completion of a job application,  
23 drafting a cover letter and follow-up letter; and

- 1        (iv) Interview skills;  
2        (D) Vocational training;  
3        (E) Basics of domestic violence; and  
4        (F) Drug and/or alcohol addiction.  
5        (3) Requires the successful completion of a transitional job  
6 assignment.  
7        (b) If a pilot project is implemented by the Division of  
8 Corrections, it shall submit a report on the results of the pilot  
9 project to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary each year  
10 during implementation of the pilot project. The results shall  
11 include, at a minimum:  
12        (1) Key process measures, including:  
13        (A) The number of participants served;  
14        (B) The demographics of participants;  
15        (C) Attendance/participation in training elements;  
16        (D) The knowledge acquired by participants;  
17        (E) Participant behavior changes as a result of program  
18 participation;  
19        (F) The number of participants gaining employment and their  
20 wages earned;  
21        (G) The number of participants completing vocational training;  
22        (H) The number of participants successfully completing  
23 transitional job assignments;

- 1        (I) The number of participants demonstrating workforce  
2 readiness; and
- 3        (J) The recidivism rate of participants.
- 4        (2) An unbiased comparison of the outcomes between program  
5 participants and similarly situated persons not in the program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize a responsible parent pilot project by the Division of Corrections. The bill sets forth requirements to participate in the program and program goals. The bill also requires a report.

§25-8-1 is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.