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An act to create a program that pairs welfare recipients with businesses in need of workers for employment

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In 2013, 900,000 people, over 20% of Kentucky's population, were receiving government assistance. A single parent living with two children can receive food stamps, heating assistance, housing assistance and other benefits that value up to \$28,000. This value indirectly comes from taxpayers. This bill aims to help taxpayers, small businesses, welfare recipients, and the state by creating a program that pairs welfare recipients with eligible businesses in need of workers for employment.

Section 2: The welfare recipients are paired with businesses based off of their skills and talents and the type of workers and skills that the businesses need. For example, a welfare recipient with strong vocational skills and background could be paired with a construction company in need of workers.

Section 3:Businesses in need of workers will reach out to this program and tell what skills they are in need of. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services will accept forms that will be filled out by the business in need.

Section 4: Once a business is paired with a worker, the business will pay the worker minimum wage.

Section 5: Minimum wage pays \$15,000 a year. This will reduce government spending per person by \$13,000.

Section 6: This bill will be enacted January 1st of 2020.