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Bill Analysis

SB 561 provides that job readiness assistance shall include substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling as it relates to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The measure strikes language prohibiting a person from receiving TANF benefits for failing a drug test and replaces it with language requiring a TANF employability plan to substance abuse treatment if the recipient engaged in illegal use of a controlled substance. Failure to follow the plan will result in closure of TANF benefits.

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