

INTERPRETIVE MEMO

Reach Up Rule Interpretation

Procedural Instruction

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Act 109 of 2018 amended 33 V.S.A. § 1114(b) to expand the education modification and deferment.

Effective July 1, 2018, the work requirements must be modified or deferred for:

A participant who has attained 20 years of age and who is engaged in at least 15 hours per week of classes and related learning activities for the purpose of attaining a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate or completing a literacy program approved by the Department; provided that the participant is making satisfactory progress toward the attainment of the diploma or certificate; and provided further that a deferment or modification granted for this purpose does not exceed 18 months.