

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2026 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **HB 2**

On page 1, between lines 23 and 24, by inserting the following:

"(d) To the extent permitted under federal law, the secretary may exempt an individual who is experiencing a short-term hardship, as defined by the secretary through the promulgation of an administrative regulation in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, from the requirements of this section and 42 U.S.C. sec. 1396a(xx). The administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with this paragraph shall include in the definition of the term "short-term hardship" a new illness, injury, disability, or disaster."; and

Beginning on page 3, line 3, and continuing through page 6, line 4, delete those lines in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

~~"(4) As used in this section, "able bodied adult without dependents" means an individual who is:~~

- ~~(a) Over eighteen (18) years of age but under sixty (60) years of age;~~
- ~~(b) Physically and mentally able to work as determined by the cabinet; and~~
- ~~(c) Not primarily responsible for the care of a dependent child under the age of eighteen (18) or a dependent disabled adult relative.];~~ and

On page 20, by deleting lines 18 through 26 in their entirety and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

Amendment No. <u>HFA 17</u>	Rep. <u>Rep. Lindsey Burke</u>
Committee Amendment _____	Signed: <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Floor Amendment _____	LRD Drafter: _____
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"(15) The cabinet shall seek or request a short-term hardship exemption or waiver under 42 U.S.C. sec. 1396a(xx)(3)(B)(ii)(II)(bb) for a county in which the unemployment rate is equal to or greater than eight and one-half percent (8.5%)."