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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - As part of its preparation of an annual report on a key program that assists needy families, the state's Health and Human Service Department is seeking comments over the next two weeks.

Comments will be used to prepare North Carolina's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Caseload Reduction Credit Report. Health and Human Services creates this report annually to calculate the caseload reduction credit the state will claim for reductions in its Work First Family Assistance caseload.

The Caseload Reduction Credit Report (ACF 202) for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 is based on caseload data from Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014.

From Dec. 1 - Dec. 15, the written report is available online at: www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/pubnotice/cr_report.htm.

A hard copy is also available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the NC Division of Social Services Central Office

Hargrove Building on the Dorothea Dix Campus in Raleigh.

Written comments must be submitted no later than December 15 and may be e-mailed to crcrcomment@dhhs.nc.gov, faxed to (919) 334-1052 or mailed to:

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Section 407(b)(3) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, requires a state's required work participation rate for a fiscal year to be reduced by the state's caseload reduction credit for that fiscal year. The caseload reduction credit gives a state credit for reducing its caseload between a base year and a comparison year.