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During the 2017-18 legislative session, the House has approved legislation to reform the public pension systems; force public officials and employees who are convicted of public corruption crimes to forfeit their government pension; keep children safe from online predators; extend the popular and successful Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); protect senior citizens' prescription drug coverage; and delay implementation of the Keystone Exam as a graduation requirement. The budget work group that I assembled last summer recently unveiled a package of welfare reform bills that would require able-bodied adults without dependents to work, perform community service or participate in a work program in order to receive SNAP benefits. It limits Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits beyond five years and establishes a cumulative 48-month lifetime limit, and starts a pilot program to encourage companies to hire individuals on welfare. The legislation focuses on putting people to work and ensuring benefits are directed to those truly in need.

