§ 336-d. Job search activities. 1. Each applicant for or recipient of public assistance shall, upon request of the social services official, demonstrate that he or she is engaged in an active and continuing effort to achieve self-sufficiency as defined by the department. Such effort shall include but not be limited to an active and continuing search for employment, or for persons otherwise exempt in accordance with section three hundred thirty-two of this title, and where deemed appropriate by the social services official, activities that foster preparation for employment. Each such applicant or recipient shall have an affirmative duty to accept any offer of lawful employment in which he or she may engage. The failure of a social services district to assign applicants and recipients to activities pursuant to this title shall not relieve such persons from the requirements of this section. An individual who fails to comply with the requirements of the section shall be subject to the provisions set forth in subdivision five of section one hundred thirty-one of this chapter and of section three hundred forty-one and three hundred forty-two of this title.

2. The social services official shall, if deemed appropriate by such official, supervise job search activities assigned pursuant to this article.