
HOUSE BILL 1941

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By Representatives Bowman, Leonard, Moyer, Winsley, Paris and Mitchell.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the receipt of income from internship employment
2 related to job training programs; adding new sections to chapter 74.04
3 RCW; and creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that recipients of
6 public assistance who are in job training programs need to be able to
7 take advantage of all opportunities that will help them make the
8 transition to full-time employment. Currently, persons on public
9 assistance who take internship jobs related to their job training
10 programs are penalized by having their internship earnings deducted
11 from their public assistance grants. This discourages trainees from
12 participating in internship programs. To remove this disincentive, the
13 legislature intends for the department of social and health services to
14 seek waivers from the federal government that would allow participants
15 in the family independence program and the jobs opportunities and basic

1 skills program to retain any income derived from internship employment
2 relating to their job training programs without a reduction in grant
3 levels.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department shall petition the federal government for waivers
7 under the family independence program and the jobs opportunities and
8 basic skills program. Under the terms of the waiver, recipients of
9 public assistance who are in job training programs shall not have the
10 amount of their public assistance grants reduced to offset the income
11 received from internship employment related to their specific job
12 training program.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Upon the effective date of the waivers granted under section 2 of
16 this act, recipients of public assistance under the family independence
17 program and the jobs opportunities and basic skills program shall not
18 have their public assistance grants reduced to offset the income
19 received from internship employment that is related to their job
20 training programs.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall report on the
22 status of the waiver and implementation of sections 1 and 2 of this act
23 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature by December
24 1, 1991.