

**2SSB 5214** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Housing, Human Services & Veterans

**NOT ADOPTED 04/06/2021**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 2020 c 320 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary  
6 assistance for needy families for sixty months after July 27, 1997,  
7 shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy  
8 families assistance.

9 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the  
10 department shall count any month in which an adult family member  
11 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance  
12 grant unless the assistance was provided when the adult family member  
13 was a minor child and not the head of the household or married to the  
14 head of the household.

15 (3) The department shall adopt regulations to apply the sixty-  
16 month time limit to households in which a parent is in the home and  
17 ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families. Any  
18 regulations shall be consistent with federal funding requirements.

19 (4) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized  
20 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims'  
21 programs through the department of commerce, or the crime victims'  
22 compensation program of the department of labor and industries.

23 (5) (a) The department shall add to adopted rules related to  
24 temporary assistance for needy families time limit extensions, the  
25 following criteria by which the department shall exempt a recipient  
26 and the recipient's family from the application of subsection (1) of  
27 this section:

28 (i) By reason of hardship, including when ~~((the))~~:

29 (A) The recipient's family includes a child or youth who is  
30 without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as  
31 described in the federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act

1 (Title 42 U.S.C., chapter 119, subchapter VI, part B) as it existed  
2 on January 1, 2020; or

3 (B) The recipient received temporary assistance for needy  
4 families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when Washington  
5 state's unemployment rate as published by the Washington employment  
6 security department was equal to or greater than seven percent, and  
7 the recipient is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for  
8 needy families except that they have exceeded 60 months. The  
9 extension provided for under this subsection (5)(a)(i)(B) is equal to  
10 the number of months that the recipient received temporary assistance  
11 for needy families during a month after March 1, 2020, when the  
12 unemployment rate was equal to or greater than seven percent, and is  
13 applied sequentially to any other hardship extensions that may apply  
14 under this subsection (5) or in rule; or

15 (ii) If the family includes an individual who meets the family  
16 violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal  
17 social security act as amended by P.L. 104-193.

18 (b) Policies related to circumstances under which a recipient  
19 will be exempted from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of  
20 this section shall treat adults receiving benefits on their own  
21 behalf, and parents receiving benefits on behalf of their child  
22 similarly, unless required otherwise under federal law.

23 (6) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her  
24 family from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this section  
25 until after the recipient has received fifty-two months of assistance  
26 under this chapter.

27 (7) The department shall provide transitional food assistance for  
28 a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive  
29 temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in  
30 sanction status. If necessary, the department shall extend the  
31 household's basic food certification until the end of the transition  
32 period.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any part of this act is found to be in  
34 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
35 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
36 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
37 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
38 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application  
39 to the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet

1 federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of  
2 federal funds by the state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act applies prospectively and  
4 retroactively beginning March 1, 2020."

5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Clarifies that the time limit extension criteria related  
to unemployment rates applies on or after March 1, 2020. Adds a  
federal severability clause.

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