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SENATE BILL 5244

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By Senators Owen and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of "dependent child" for purposes  
2 of aid to families with dependent children; and amending RCW 74.12.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.010 and 1992 c 136 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 For the purposes of the administration of aid to families with  
7 dependent children assistance, the term "dependent child" means any  
8 child in need under the age of eighteen years who has been deprived of  
9 parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from  
10 the home, or physical or mental incapacity of the parent, and who is  
11 living with a relative as specified under federal aid to families with  
12 dependent children program requirements, in a place of residence  
13 maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their homes. The  
14 term "dependent child" shall not include a child who voluntarily leaves  
15 the home of a parent unless alternative residential placement has been  
16 approved for that child under chapter 13.32A RCW and the parent is  
17 required to contribute to support of the child pursuant to RCW  
18 13.32A.175. The term a "dependent child" shall, notwithstanding the  
19 foregoing, also include a child who would meet such requirements except

1 for his removal from the home of a relative specified above as a result  
2 of a judicial determination that continuation therein would be contrary  
3 to the welfare of such child, for whose placement and care the state  
4 department of social and health services or the county office is  
5 responsible, and who has been placed in a licensed or approved child  
6 care institution or foster home as a result of such determination and  
7 who: (1) Was receiving an aid to families with dependent children  
8 grant for the month in which court proceedings leading to such  
9 determination were initiated; or (2) would have received aid to  
10 families with dependent children for such month if application had been  
11 made therefor; or (3) in the case of a child who had been living with  
12 a specified relative within six months prior to the month in which such  
13 proceedings were initiated, would have received aid to families with  
14 dependent children for such month if in such month he had been living  
15 with such a relative and application had been made therefor, as  
16 authorized by the Social Security Act: PROVIDED, That to the extent  
17 authorized by the legislature in the biennial appropriations act and to  
18 the extent that matching funds are available from the federal  
19 government, aid to families with dependent children assistance shall be  
20 available to any child in need who has been deprived of parental  
21 support or care by reason of the unemployment of a parent or stepparent  
22 liable under this chapter for support of the child.

23 "Aid to families with dependent children" means money payments,  
24 services, and remedial care with respect to a dependent child or  
25 dependent children and the needy parent or relative with whom the child  
26 lives and may include another parent or stepparent of the dependent  
27 child if living with the parent and if the child is a dependent child  
28 by reason of the physical or mental incapacity or unemployment of a  
29 parent or stepparent liable under this chapter for the support of such  
30 child.

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