
SENATE BILL 5903

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By Senators Wood, Hochstatter, Swecker, Winsley, Palmer, Oke, Schow, Strannigan, Johnson, Cantu, Sellar, Deccio and West

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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance for dependents; adding a new
2 section to chapter 74.04 RCW; creating new sections; providing an
3 effective date; providing a contingent expiration date; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) A dependent child or children who are born to a recipient
9 during one of the following time periods are not eligible for benefits
10 under this title:

11 (a) The period in which the parent or other relative is receiving
12 assistance benefits;

13 (b) The temporary period in which the parent or other relative is
14 ineligible pursuant to penalty or sanction imposed by the department
15 for failure to comply with benefits eligibility requirements or job
16 opportunities and basic skills program requirements, after which time
17 the parent or other relative is eligible for continuation of benefits.

18 (2) A child born within twelve months after the parent applies for
19 public assistance is eligible for full benefits.

1 (3) All children in the family unit are eligible for food stamps
2 and medical assistance.

3 (4) A dependent child or children born to a parent receiving public
4 assistance does not make that parent or parents exempt from job
5 opportunities and basic skills program requirements.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor and the department of social
7 and health services shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers
8 from and amendments to federal statutes, rules, and regulations and
9 shall report to the appropriate committees in the house of
10 representatives and senate quarterly on the efforts to secure the
11 federal changes to permit full implementation of section 1 of this act
12 at the earliest possible date.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In the event that the department of social
14 and health services is not able to obtain the necessary exemptions,
15 waivers, or amendments referred to in section 2 of this act before
16 January 1, 1998, this act shall expire on that date and shall have no
17 further force or effect.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any part of this act is found to be in
19 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
20 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
21 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
22 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
23 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
24 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
25 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
26 funds by the state.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
30 effect July 1, 1995.

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