
Children & Family Services Committee

BILL ANALYSIS HB 2634

Title: An act relating to disqualifying fugitives from receiving general assistance.

Brief Description: Denying public assistance to fugitives from justice.

Sponsors: Representatives H. Sommers, Cooke, Dickerson, McDonald, Gombosky, Bush, Tokuda, Wolfe, O'Brien, Kessler, Keiser, Anderson, Ogden, B. Thomas and Thompson.

Meeting Date: January 27, 1998.

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Background: In 1997, Congress created the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant (TANF) which replaced the Aid For Dependent Families (AFDC) program. As part of the restrictions placed on block grant funds, Congress prohibited the use of TANF funds for persons fleeing prosecution or who were violating their parole. In Washington, there is no similar restriction on the use of state General Assistance funds.

Summary of Bill: Eligibility for General Assistance is denied to persons fleeing prosecution or who are violating their probation. Applicants for General Assistance are required to state in writing on their application whether they have been convicted of a felony.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: None requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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