

2 HB 2226 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Labor & Workforce Development

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.12.010 and 1997 c 59 s 16 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 For the purposes of the administration of temporary assistance for  
10 needy families, the term "dependent child" means any child in need  
11 under the age of eighteen years who (~~has been deprived of parental~~  
12 ~~support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the~~  
13 ~~home, or physical or mental incapacity of the parent, and who~~) is  
14 living with a relative as specified under federal temporary assistance  
15 for needy families program requirements, in a place of residence  
16 maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their homes. The  
17 term a "dependent child" shall, notwithstanding the foregoing, also  
18 include a child who would meet such requirements except for his removal  
19 from the home of a relative specified above as a result of a judicial  
20 determination that continuation therein would be contrary to the  
21 welfare of such child, for whose placement and care the state  
22 department of social and health services or the county office is  
23 responsible, and who has been placed in a licensed or approved child  
24 care institution or foster home as a result of such determination and  
25 who: (1) Was receiving an aid to families with dependent children  
26 grant for the month in which court proceedings leading to such  
27 determination were initiated; or (2) would have received aid to  
28 families with dependent children for such month if application had been  
29 made therefor; or (3) in the case of a child who had been living with  
30 a specified relative within six months prior to the month in which such  
31 proceedings were initiated, would have received aid to families with  
32 dependent children for such month if in such month he had been living  
33 with such a relative and application had been made therefor, as  
34 authorized by the Social Security Act(~~(: PROVIDED, That to the extent~~  
35 ~~authorized by the legislature in the biennial appropriations act and to~~  
36 ~~the extent that matching funds are available from the federal~~

1 government, temporary assistance for needy families assistance shall be  
2 available to any child in need who has been deprived of parental  
3 support or care by reason of the unemployment of a parent or stepparent  
4 liable under this chapter for support of the child)).

5 "Temporary assistance for needy families" means money payments,  
6 services, and remedial care with respect to a dependent child or  
7 dependent children and the needy parent or relative with whom the child  
8 lives ((and may include another parent or stepparent of the dependent  
9 child if living with the parent and if the child is a dependent child  
10 by reason of the physical or mental incapacity or unemployment of a  
11 parent or stepparent liable under this chapter for the support of such  
12 child)).

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.12.035 and 1997 c 59 s 18 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (1) ((A family or assistance unit is not eligible for aid for any  
16 month if for that month the total income of the family or assistance  
17 unit, without application of income disregards, exceeds one hundred  
18 eighty-five percent of the state standard of need for a family of the  
19 same composition: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of determining the  
20 total income of the family or assistance unit, the earned income of a  
21 dependent child who is a full-time student for whom temporary  
22 assistance for needy families is being provided shall be disregarded  
23 for six months per calendar year.

24 (2) Participation in a strike does not constitute good cause to  
25 leave or to refuse to seek or accept employment. Assistance is not  
26 payable to a family for any month in which any caretaker relative with  
27 whom the child is living is, on the last day of the month,  
28 participating in a strike. An individual's need shall not be included  
29 in determining the amount of aid payable for any month to a family or  
30 assistance unit if, on the last day of the month, the individual is  
31 participating in a strike.

32 (3)) Children over eighteen years of age and under nineteen years  
33 of age who are full-time students reasonably expected to complete a  
34 program of secondary school, or the equivalent level of vocational or  
35 technical training, before reaching nineteen years of age are eligible  
36 to receive temporary assistance for needy families: PROVIDED HOWEVER,  
37 That if such students do not successfully complete such program before

1 reaching nineteen years of age, the assistance rendered under this  
2 subsection during such period shall not be a debt due the state.

3 (2) Children with disabilities who are eighteen years of age and  
4 under twenty-one years of age and who are full-time students whose  
5 education is being provided in accordance with RCW 28A.155.020 are  
6 eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

7 (3) The department is authorized to grant exceptions to the  
8 eligibility restrictions for children eighteen years of age and under  
9 twenty-one years of age under subsection (1) and (2) of this section  
10 only when it determines by reasonable, objective criteria that such  
11 exceptions are likely to enable the children to complete their high  
12 school education, general equivalency diploma or vocational education.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 74.12.036 and 1997 c 59 s 19 & 1994 c  
14 299 s 11 are each repealed.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.08A.120 and 1997 c 57 s 3 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 (1) The department may establish a food assistance program for  
18 ~~((persons whose immigrant status meets the eligibility requirements of~~  
19 ~~the federal food stamp program, but who are no longer eligible solely~~  
20 ~~due to their immigrant status under P.L. 104-193)) legal immigrants who~~  
21 are ineligible for the federal food stamp program.

22 (2) The rules for the state food assistance program shall follow  
23 exactly the rules of the federal food stamp program except for the  
24 provisions pertaining to immigrant status ~~((under P.L. 104-193))~~.

25 (3) The benefit under the state food assistance program shall be  
26 established by the legislature in the biennial operating budget.

27 (4) The department may enter into a contract with the United States  
28 department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp  
29 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food  
30 assistance program.

31 (5) In the event the department is unable to enter into a contract  
32 with the United States department of agriculture, the department may  
33 issue vouchers to eligible households for the purchase of eligible  
34 foods at participating retailers."

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4 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.12.010, 74.12.035,  
6 and 74.08A.120; and repealing RCW 74.12.036."

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