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HOUSE BILL 2226

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By Representative Tokuda

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating eligibility standards retained from  
2 the aid to families with dependent children program under the temporary  
3 assistance for needy families program; amending RCW 74.12.010 and  
4 74.12.035; and repealing RCW 74.12.036.

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

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

8 For the purposes of the administration of temporary assistance for  
9 needy families, the term "dependent child" means any child in need  
10 under the age of eighteen years who (~~has been deprived of parental~~  
11 ~~support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the~~  
12 ~~home, or physical or mental incapacity of the parent, and who~~) is  
13 living with a relative as specified under federal temporary assistance  
14 for needy families program requirements, in a place of residence  
15 maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their homes. The  
16 term a "dependent child" shall, notwithstanding the foregoing, also  
17 include a child who would meet such requirements except for his removal  
18 from the home of a relative specified above as a result of a judicial  
19 determination that continuation therein would be contrary to the

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

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

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

31 (~~((1) A family or assistance unit is not eligible for aid for any~~  
32 ~~month if for that month the total income of the family or assistance~~  
33 ~~unit, without application of income disregards, exceeds one hundred~~  
34 ~~eighty-five percent of the state standard of need for a family of the~~  
35 ~~same composition: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of determining the~~  
36 ~~total income of the family or assistance unit, the earned income of a~~  
37 ~~dependent child who is a full-time student for whom temporary~~

1 assistance for needy families is being provided shall be disregarded  
2 for six months per calendar year.

3 (2) Participation in a strike does not constitute good cause to  
4 leave or to refuse to seek or accept employment. Assistance is not  
5 payable to a family for any month in which any caretaker relative with  
6 whom the child is living is, on the last day of the month,  
7 participating in a strike. An individual's need shall not be included  
8 in determining the amount of aid payable for any month to a family or  
9 assistance unit if, on the last day of the month, the individual is  
10 participating in a strike.

11 (3)) Children over eighteen years of age and under nineteen years  
12 of age who are full-time students reasonably expected to complete a  
13 program of secondary school, or the equivalent level of vocational or  
14 technical training, before reaching nineteen years of age are eligible  
15 to receive temporary assistance for needy families: PROVIDED HOWEVER,  
16 That if such students do not successfully complete such program before  
17 reaching nineteen years of age, the assistance rendered under this  
18 subsection during such period shall not be a debt due the state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.12.036 (One hundred hour rule--  
20 Unemployed--Criteria in state plan) and 1997 c 59 s 19 & 1994 c 299 s  
21 11 are each repealed.

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