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By Representatives Boldt, Mielke, Clements and Morell

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing an exemption from temporary assistance  
2 for needy families' time limits; and amending RCW 74.08A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 1997 c 58 s 103 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary  
7 assistance for needy families for sixty months after July 27, 1997,  
8 shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy families  
9 assistance.

10 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the  
11 department shall count any month in which an adult family member  
12 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance  
13 grant unless the assistance was provided when the family member was a  
14 minor child and not the head of the household or married to the head of  
15 the household.

16 (3) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized  
17 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims' programs  
18 through the department of community, trade, and economic development,

1 or the crime victims' compensation program of the department of labor  
2 and industries.

3 (4) The department may exempt a recipient and the recipient's  
4 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section (~~by~~  
5 ~~reason of hardship~~) if a recipient is physically or mentally  
6 incapacitated to a degree that does not allow him or her to meet the  
7 participation requirements of the WorkFirst program, if the recipient  
8 is caring for a physically or mentally incapacitated family member, or  
9 if the recipient meets the family violence options of section 402(A)(7)  
10 of Title IVA of the federal social security act as amended by P.L. 104-  
11 193. The number of recipients and their families exempted from  
12 subsection (1) of this section for a fiscal year shall not exceed  
13 twenty percent of the average monthly number of recipients and their  
14 families to which assistance is provided under the temporary assistance  
15 for needy families program.

16 (5) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her  
17 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section until  
18 after the recipient has received fifty-two months of assistance under  
19 this chapter.

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