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By Representatives Walsh and Pettigrew; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to income eligibility for temporary assistance for
2 needy families benefits for a child; and amending RCW 74.12.037.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.037 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 42 s 4 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall adopt rules(~~(, effective November 1,~~
7 ~~2011,)~~) establishing income eligibility for temporary assistance for
8 needy families benefits for a child, other than a foster child, who
9 lives with a caregiver other than his or her parents. The department
10 shall establish a sliding scale benefit standard for a child when the
11 income of the child's caregiver is above two hundred percent but below
12 three hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on family
13 size. A caregiver with an income above three hundred percent of the
14 federal poverty level shall not be eligible for temporary assistance
15 for needy families benefits for a child, not a foster child, who is
16 residing with that caregiver.

17 (2)(a) For purposes of this section, the department may, by rule,
18 exempt fifty percent of a caregiver's unearned income in determining

1 eligibility and benefit standards. This is in addition to other
2 exemptions authorized by law.

3 (b) For purposes of this subsection, "unearned income" means income
4 received from a source other than employment or self-employment.

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