

SHB 2007 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Human Services

OUT OF ORDER 03/01/2024

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.08A.010 and 2023 c 418 s 3 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary
6 assistance for needy families for 60 months after July 27, 1997,
7 shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy
8 families assistance.

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

15 (3) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized
16 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims'
17 programs through the department of commerce, or the crime victims'
18 compensation program of the department of labor and industries.

19 (4) The department shall add to adopted rules related to
20 temporary assistance for needy families time limit extensions, the
21 following criteria by which the department shall exempt a recipient
22 and the recipient's family from the application of subsection (1) of
23 this section:

24 (a) By reason of hardship, including when:

25 (i) The recipient's family includes a child or youth who is
26 without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as
27 described in the federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act
28 (Title 42 U.S.C., chapter 119, subchapter VI, part B) as it existed
29 on January 1, 2020;

30 (ii) The recipient received temporary assistance for needy
31 families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when Washington

1 state's unemployment rate as published by the Washington employment
2 security department was equal to or greater than seven percent, and
3 the recipient is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for
4 needy families except that they have exceeded 60 months. The
5 extension provided for under this subsection (4)(a)(ii) is equal to
6 the number of months that the recipient received temporary assistance
7 for needy families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when the
8 unemployment rate was equal to or greater than seven percent, and is
9 applied sequentially to any other hardship extensions that may apply
10 under this subsection (4) or in rule; or

11 (iii) Beginning July 1, 2022, the Washington state unemployment
12 rate most recently published by the Washington employment security
13 department is equal to or greater than seven percent; (~~or~~)

14 (b) If the family includes an individual who meets the family
15 violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal
16 social security act as amended by P.L. 104-193; or

17 (c) If the recipient is a parent or legal guardian to a child
18 under the age of two who lives in the same household.

19 (5) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her
20 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section until
21 after the recipient has received 52 months of assistance under this
22 chapter.

23 (6) The department shall provide transitional food assistance for
24 a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive
25 temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in
26 full-family sanction status. If a member of a household has been
27 sanctioned but the household is still receiving benefits, the
28 remaining eligible household members may receive transitional food
29 assistance. If necessary, the department shall extend the household's
30 basic food certification until the end of the transition period.

31 (7) The department may adopt rules specifying which published
32 employment security department unemployment rates to use for the
33 purposes of subsection (4)(a)(ii) and (iii) of this section.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
36 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
37 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
38 act is null and void."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.08A.010; creating
3 a new section; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: If a TANF recipient is a parent or legal guardian to a child under the age of two who lives in the same household, that recipient is eligible for a TANF time limit extension.

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