SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6024

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Stevens, and Carrell)

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AN ACT Relating to applications for public assistance from persons currently ineligible to receive assistance; amending RCW 74.08.060; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.060 and 1985 c 335 s 4 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 The department shall ((be required to)) approve or deny the application within forty-five days after ((the)) filing ((thereof))_ 8 9 and shall immediately notify the applicant in writing of its decision((\div PROVIDED, That)). If the department is not able within 10 11 forty-five days, despite due diligence, to secure all information necessary to establish ((his)) eligibility, the department ((is charged 12 13 to)) shall continue to secure such information ((and)). If such information, when established, makes the applicant eligible, 14 the 15 department shall pay ((his)) the grant from the date of authorization 16 or forty-five days after the date of application, whichever is 17 ((sooner.

18 Any person currently ineligible, who will become eligible after the 19 occurrence of a specific event, may apply for assistance within forty1 five days of that event)) earlier, except that the department shall not 2 make payments for any period of time in which the applicant is 3 ineligible for public assistance as an inmate of a public institution 4 under RCW 74.08.025(1)(c). 5 The department ((is authorized)) may, in respect to work 6 requirements, ((to)) provide employment and training services, 7 including job search, job placement, work orientation, and necessary

8 support services to verify eligibility.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act takes effect November 1, 2009.

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