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1 AN ACT Relating to earnings of members of assistance units
2 receiving aid to families with dependent children; adding a new section
3 to chapter 74.12 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many people
6 receiving assistance under the aid to families with dependent children
7 program cannot meet their financial obligations with the level of
8 assistance provided and must work to supplement their income. The
9 legislature finds that these people should not be penalized for working
10 by having most of their earned income in effect deducted from their
11 assistance grant. Therefore, the legislature declares that it shall be
12 the policy of the state of Washington that aid to families with
13 dependent children recipients be allowed to retain half of their earned

1 income and that the children of these families be allowed to retain all
2 of their earned income.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary shall petition the federal government for a
6 waiver under the aid to families with dependent children program. The
7 terms of the waiver shall be as follows:

8 (a) In determining the total income of families applying for or
9 receiving assistance under the aid to families with dependent children
10 program, one dollar of earned income for every two dollars of income
11 earned by the parent of a dependent child shall be disregarded.

12 (b) In determining the total income of families applying for or
13 receiving assistance under the aid to families with dependent children
14 program, the earned income of children in families shall be
15 disregarded.

16 (2) Upon the effective date of the waiver, members of assistance
17 units receiving aid to families with dependent children shall be
18 allowed to retain their earned income as specified in subsection (1) of
19 this section.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department shall report on the
21 status of the waiver and implementation of the requirements of section
22 2 of this act to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
23 by December 1, 1992.