
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5729

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By Senator Rinehart

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1 AN ACT Relating to the family emergency assistance program; and
2 amending RCW 74.04.660.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.04.660 and 1989 c 11 s 26 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department shall establish a consolidated emergency assistance
7 program for families with children. Assistance may be provided in
8 accordance with this section.

9 (1) Benefits provided under this program shall not be provided for
10 more than two months of assistance in any consecutive twelve-month
11 period.

12 (2) Benefits under this program shall be provided to alleviate
13 emergent conditions resulting from insufficient income and resources to
14 provide for: Food, shelter, clothing, medical care, or other necessary
15 items, as defined by the department. Benefits may also be provided for
16 family reconciliation services, family preservation services, home-
17 based services, short-term substitute care in a licensed agency as
18 defined in RCW 74.15.020, crisis nurseries, therapeutic child care, or
19 other necessary services as defined by the department. Benefits shall

1 be provided only in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the
2 specific need, subject to the limitations established in this section.

3 ~~(3) ((In determining eligibility for this program, the department
4 shall consider all cash resources as being available to meet need.~~

5 ~~(4)) (a) The department shall, by rule, establish assistance
6 standards and eligibility criteria for this program in accordance with
7 this section. ((Eligibility for this program does not automatically
8 entitle a recipient to medical assistance.))~~

9 ~~(b) Eligibility standards and resource levels for this program
10 ((shall be stricter than the standards for eligibility and resource
11 levels for the aid to families with dependent children program.~~

12 ~~(5)) may be income up to one hundred percent of the federal
13 poverty level, and may include consideration of resource levels.~~

14 ~~(c) Eligibility for benefits or services under this section does
15 not automatically entitle a recipient to medical assistance.~~

16 ~~(4) The department shall seek federal emergency assistance funds to
17 supplement the state funds appropriated for the operation of this
18 program((~~.—If~~)) as long as other departmental programs are not
19 adversely affected by the receipt of federal funds ((would require a
20 reduction of funds available to households not receiving aid to
21 families with dependent children below the amount of state funds
22 appropriated for this program, the department may operate a program
23 utilizing only state funds unless the aid to families with dependent
24 children additional requirement program is substantially reduced in
25 scope)).~~

26 ~~((+6)) (5) If state funds appropriated for the consolidated
27 emergency assistance program are exhausted, the department may
28 discontinue the program.~~

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