CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1197

Chapter 312, Laws of 1993

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53rd Legislature 1993 Regular Session

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE--INCENTIVES TO WORK OR COMPLETE SCHOOLING

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Passed by the House April 24, 1993 Yeas 94 Nays 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 16, 1993 Yeas 38 Nays 9

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1197** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

ALAN THOMPSON

Chief Clerk

Approved May 12, 1993, with the exception of section 6, which is vetoed.

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Cooke, Riley, Flemming, Valle, Brown, G. Cole, Mielke, Veloria, Wineberry, Dorn, Anderson, J. Kohl, Karahalios, H. Myers, Vance, Ogden, King, Jones, Eide, Johanson, R. Meyers, Cothern, Roland, Holm, Wolfe, Franklin, Thibaudeau, Springer, Basich, Kremen, Foreman, Kessler, Campbell, Dunshee, Lemmon, Linville and Pruitt)

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- AN ACT Relating to public assistance; amending RCW 74.25.020;
- 2 reenacting and amending RCW 74.04.005; adding new sections to chapter
- 3 74.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.12 RCW; adding a new
- 4 chapter to Title 74 RCW; creating new sections; providing effective
- 5 dates; and declaring an emergency.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:
- 8 (1) Public assistance is intended to be a temporary financial
- 9 relief program, recognizing that families can be confronted with a
- 10 financial crisis at any time in life. Successful public assistance
- 11 programs depend on the availability of adequate resources to assist
- 12 individuals deemed eligible for the benefits of such a program. In
- 13 this way, eligible families are given sufficient assistance to reenter
- 14 productive employment in a minimal time period.
- 15 (2) The current public assistance system requires a reduction in
- 16 grant standards when income is received. In most cases, family income
- 17 is limited to levels substantially below the standard of need. This is
- 18 a strong disincentive to work. To remove this disincentive, the

- legislature intends to allow families to retain a greater percentage of income before it results in the reduction or termination of benefits;
- 3 (3) Employment, training, and education services provided to 4 employable recipients of public assistance are effective tools in 5 achieving economic self-sufficiency. Support services that are 6 targeted to the specific needs of the individual offer the best hope of 7 achieving economic self-sufficiency in a cost-effective manner;
 - (4) State welfare-to-work programs, which move individuals from dependence to economic independence, must be operated cooperatively and collaboratively between state agencies and programs. They also must include public assistance recipients as active partners in self-sufficiency planning activities. Participants in economic independence programs and services will benefit from the concepts of personal empowerment, self-motivation, and self-esteem;
- (5) Many barriers to economic independence are found in federal statutes and rules, and provide states with limited options for restructuring existing programs in order to create incentives for employment over continued dependence;
- 19 (6) The legislature finds that the personal and societal costs of 20 teenage childbearing are substantial. Teen parents are less likely to 21 finish high school and more likely to depend upon public assistance 22 than women who delay childbearing until adulthood; and
- (7) The legislature intends that an effort be made to ensure that each teenage parent who is a public assistance recipient live in a setting that increases the likelihood that the teen parent will complete high school and achieve economic independence.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. For purposes of determining the amount of grant payments to recipients of aid to families with dependent children, all countable nonexempt earned income shall be subtracted from an amount equal to fifty-five percent of the need standard. The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement the intent of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department shall amend the state plan to eliminate the one hundred hour work rule for recipients of aid to families with dependent children-employable. The department shall seek federal approval for the amendment to the state plan and report on

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- 1 federal action to the appropriate standing committees of the
- 2 legislature by December 1, 1993.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** The department shall initiate a pilot
- 4 project using electronic benefit transfer technology for the food
- 5 stamp, aid to families with dependent children, and women, infant, and
- 6 children programs. The department shall report to the appropriate
- 7 standing committees of the legislature on the project implementation
- 8 status by December 1, 1994.
- 9 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.04.005 and 1992 c 165 s 1 and 1992 c 136 s 1 are 10 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 11 For the purposes of this title, unless the context indicates 12 otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:
- 13 (1) "Public assistance" or "assistance" « Public aid to persons in
- 14 need thereof for any cause, including services, medical care,
- 15 assistance grants, disbursing orders, work relief, general assistance
- 16 and federal-aid assistance.
- 17 (2) "Department" «The department of social and health services.
- 18 (3) "County or local office" «The administrative office for one or 19 more counties or designated service areas.
- 20 (4) "Director" or "secretary" means the secretary of social and 21 health services.
- 22 (5) "Federal-aid assistance" «The specific categories of assistance
- 23 for which provision is made in any federal law existing or hereafter
- 24 passed by which payments are made from the federal government to the
- 25 state in aid or in respect to payment by the state for public
- 26 assistance rendered to any category of needy persons for which
- 27 provision for federal funds or aid may from time to time be made, or a
- 28 federally administered needs-based program.
- 29 (6)(a) "General assistance" «Aid to persons in need who:
- 30 (i) Are not eligible to receive federal-aid assistance, other than
- 31 food stamps and medical assistance; however, an individual who refuses
- 32 or fails to cooperate in obtaining federal-aid assistance, without good
- 33 cause, is not eligible for general assistance;
- 34 (ii) Meet one of the following conditions:
- 35 (A) Pregnant: PROVIDED, That need is based on the current income
- 36 and resource requirements of the federal aid to families with dependent
- 37 children program: PROVIDED FURTHER, That during any period in which an

aid for dependent children employable program is not in operation, only 1 those pregnant women who are categorically eligible for medicaid are eligible for general assistance; ((or))

- 4 (B) <u>Under twenty years of age and ineligible for aid to families</u> with dependent children solely due to federal age requirements, and are 5 full-time students reasonably expected to complete a program of 6 secondary school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical 7 8 training before the end of the month in which the person reaches age 9 twenty. Reasonably expected to complete a program of secondary school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training means 10 maintaining a grade point average equal to or greater than a 2.5. For 11 purposes of determining payment amount, the student is considered a 12 member of the aid to families with dependent children household of 13 14 which the student would be a member but for the federal age requirement. In determining eligibility, earnings of a full-time 15 student shall be disregarded, in accordance with department standards, 16 notwithstanding the earnings limitation imposed by RCW 74.04.266; 17
- 18 (C) Subject to chapter 165, Laws of 1992, incapacitated from 19 gainful employment by reason of bodily or mental infirmity that will 20 likely continue for a minimum of ninety days as determined by the department((-)); or 21
 - (((C))) Persons who are unemployable due to alcohol or drug addiction are not eligible for general assistance. Persons receiving general assistance on July 26, 1987, or becoming eligible for such assistance thereafter, due to an alcohol or drug-related incapacity, shall be referred to appropriate assessment, treatment, shelter, or supplemental security income referral services as authorized under chapter 74.50 RCW. Referrals shall be made at the time of application or at the time of eligibility review. Alcoholic and drug addicted clients who are receiving general assistance on July 26, 1987, may remain on general assistance if they otherwise retain their eligibility until they are assessed for services under chapter 74.50 RCW. Subsection $(6)(a)(ii)((\frac{B}{B}))(C)$ of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the department from granting general assistance benefits to alcoholics and drug addicts who are incapacitated due to other physical or mental conditions that meet the eligibility criteria for the general assistance program;

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- 1 (iii) Are citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent 2 residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of 3 law; and
- 4 (iv) Have furnished the department their social security account 5 number. If the social security account number cannot be furnished 6 because it has not been issued or is not known, an application for a 7 number shall be made prior to authorization of assistance, and the 8 social security number shall be provided to the department upon 9 receipt.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a)(i), (ii), and (c) of this section, general assistance shall be provided to the following recipients of federal-aid assistance:
- 13 (i) Recipients of supplemental security income whose need, as 14 defined in this section, is not met by such supplemental security 15 income grant because of separation from a spouse; or
 - (ii) ((To the extent authorized by the legislature in the biennial appropriations act, to)) Recipients of aid to families with dependent children whose needs are not being met because of a temporary reduction in monthly income below the entitled benefit payment level caused by loss or reduction of wages or unemployment compensation benefits or some other unforeseen circumstances. The amount of general assistance authorized shall not exceed the difference between the entitled benefit payment level and the amount of income actually received. Payment shall be made within fifteen days of the request.
 - (c) General assistance shall be provided only to persons who are not members of assistance units receiving federal aid assistance, except as provided in subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) and (b) of this section, and will accept available services which can reasonably be expected to enable the person to work or reduce the need for assistance unless there is good cause to refuse. Failure to accept such services shall result in termination until the person agrees to cooperate in accepting such services and subject to the following maximum periods of ineligibility after reapplication:
- 34 (i) First failure: One week;

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- 35 (ii) Second failure within six months: One month;
- 36 (iii) Third and subsequent failure within one year: Two months.
- 37 (d) Persons found eligible for general assistance based on 38 incapacity from gainful employment may, if otherwise eligible, receive 39 general assistance pending application for federal supplemental

- security income benefits. Any general assistance that is subsequently duplicated by the person's receipt of supplemental security income for the same period shall be considered a debt due the state and shall by operation of law be subject to recovery through all available legal remedies.
 - (e) The department shall adopt by rule medical criteria for general assistance eligibility to ensure that eligibility decisions are consistent with statutory requirements and are based on clear, objective medical information.
- (f) The process implementing the medical criteria shall involve consideration of opinions of the treating or consulting physicians or health care professionals regarding incapacity, and any eligibility decision which rejects uncontroverted medical opinion must set forth clear and convincing reasons for doing so.
 - (g) Recipients of general assistance based upon a finding of incapacity from gainful employment who remain otherwise eligible shall not have their benefits terminated absent a clear showing of material improvement in their medical or mental condition or specific error in the prior determination that found the recipient eligible by reason of incapacitation. Recipients of general assistance based upon pregnancy who relinquish their child for adoption, remain otherwise eligible, and are not eligible to receive benefits under the federal aid to families with dependent children program shall not have their benefits terminated until the end of the month in which the period of six weeks following the birth of the recipient's child falls. Recipients of the federal aid to families with dependent children program who lose their eligibility solely because of the birth and relinquishment of the qualifying child may receive general assistance through the end of the month in which the period of six weeks following the birth of the child falls.
- 31 (h) Students with earnings shall not be eligible for the essential 32 persons program unless the earnings are disregarded.
- 33 (7) "Applicant"« Any person who has made a request, or on behalf of 34 whom a request has been made, to any county or local office for 35 assistance.
- 36 (8) "Recipient" Any person receiving assistance and in addition 37 those dependents whose needs are included in the recipient's 38 assistance.

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1 (9) "Standards of assistance" «The level of income required by an applicant or recipient to maintain a level of living specified by the department.

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- (10) "Resource" Any asset, tangible or intangible, owned by or available to the applicant at the time of application, which can be applied toward meeting the applicant's need, either directly or by conversion into money or its equivalent: PROVIDED, That an applicant may retain the following described resources and not be ineligible for public assistance because of such resources.
- 10 (a) A home, which is defined as real property owned and used by an applicant or recipient as a place of residence, together with a 11 reasonable amount of property surrounding and contiguous thereto, which 12 13 is used by and useful to the applicant. Whenever a recipient shall cease to use such property for residential purposes, either for himself 14 15 or his dependents, the property shall be considered as a resource which can be made available to meet need, and if the recipient or his 16 dependents absent themselves from the home for a period of ninety 17 consecutive days such absence, unless due to hospitalization or health 18 19 reasons or a natural disaster, shall raise a rebuttable presumption of abandonment: PROVIDED, That if in the opinion of three physicians the 20 recipient will be unable to return to the home during his lifetime, and 21 22 the home is not occupied by a spouse or dependent children or disabled sons or daughters, such property shall be considered as a resource 23 24 which can be made available to meet need.
- (b) Household furnishings and personal effects and other personal property having great sentimental value to the applicant or recipient, as limited by the department consistent with limitations on resources and exemptions for federal aid assistance.
- 29 (c) A motor vehicle, other than a motor home, used and useful 30 having an equity value not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars.
- 31 (d) All other resources, including any excess of values exempted, 32 not to exceed one thousand dollars or other limit as set by the 33 department, to be consistent with limitations on resources and 34 exemptions necessary for federal aid assistance.
- 35 (e) Applicants for or recipients of general assistance shall have 36 their eligibility based on resource limitations consistent with the aid 37 to families with dependent children program rules adopted by the 38 department.

- (f) If an applicant for or recipient of public assistance possesses 1 2 property and belongings in excess of the ceiling value, such value shall be used in determining the need of the applicant or recipient, 3 4 except that: (i) The department may exempt resources or income when 5 the income and resources are determined necessary to the applicant's or recipient's restoration to independence, to decrease the need for 6 7 public assistance, or to aid in rehabilitating the applicant or 8 recipient or a dependent of the applicant or recipient; and (ii) the 9 department may provide grant assistance for a period not to exceed nine 10 months from the date the agreement is signed pursuant to this section to persons who are otherwise ineligible because of excess real property 11 12 owned by such persons when they are making a good faith effort to 13 dispose of that property: PROVIDED, That:
 - (A) The applicant or recipient signs an agreement to repay the lesser of the amount of aid received or the net proceeds of such sale;
 - (B) If the owner of the excess property ceases to make good faith efforts to sell the property, the entire amount of assistance may become an overpayment and a debt due the state and may be recovered pursuant to RCW 43.20B.630;
- (C) Applicants and recipients are advised of their right to a fair hearing and afforded the opportunity to challenge a decision that good faith efforts to sell have ceased, prior to assessment of an overpayment under this section; and
- (D) At the time assistance is authorized, the department files a lien without a sum certain on the specific property.
- 26 "Income" (a) All appreciable gains in real or personal property (cash or kind) or other assets, which are received by or 27 become available for use and enjoyment by an applicant or recipient 28 during the month of application or after applying for or receiving 29 30 public assistance. The department may by rule and regulation exempt income received by an applicant for or recipient of public assistance 31 which can be used by him to decrease his need for public assistance or 32 to aid in rehabilitating him or his dependents, but such exemption 33 34 shall not, unless otherwise provided in this title, exceed the 35 exemptions of resources granted under this chapter to an applicant for public assistance. In determining the amount of assistance to which an 36 37 applicant or recipient of aid to families with dependent children is entitled, the department is hereby authorized to disregard as a 38 resource or income the earned income exemptions consistent with federal 39

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- The department may permit the above exemption of 1 requirements. earnings of a child to be retained by such child to cover the cost of 2 special future identifiable needs even though the total exceeds the 3 4 exemptions or resources granted to applicants and recipients of public assistance, but consistent with federal requirements. In formulating 5 rules and regulations pursuant to this chapter, the department shall 6 7 define income and resources and the availability thereof, consistent 8 with federal requirements. All resources and income not specifically 9 exempted, and any income or other economic benefit derived from the use 10 of, or appreciation in value of, exempt resources, shall be considered in determining the need of an applicant or recipient of public 11 assistance. 12
- 13 (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the 14 option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory 15 awards or related settlements received by an applicant or recipient as 16 income or as a resource, the department shall consider such property to 17 be a resource.
- 18 (12) "Need"«The difference between the applicant's or recipient's 19 standards of assistance for himself and the dependent members of his 20 family, as measured by the standards of the department, and value of 21 all nonexempt resources and nonexempt income received by or available 22 to the applicant or recipient and the dependent members of his family.

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- (13) For purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance and participation levels in the cost of medical care, the department shall exempt restitution payments made to people of Japanese and Aleut ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by congress, P.L. 100-383, including all income and resources derived therefrom.
- (14) In the construction of words and phrases used in this title, the singular number shall include the plural, the masculine gender shall include both the feminine and neuter genders and the present tense shall include the past and future tenses, unless the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary.
- *NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW to read as follows:
- The department shall amend the state plan to include an aid to families with dependent children essential persons program that would, to the extent permitted under federal law, allow eighteen to twenty

- 1 year old students to be eligible for federal aid to families with
- 2 dependent children matching grants.
- 3 *Sec. 6 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.
- 4 **Sec. 7.** RCW 74.25.020 and 1992 c 165 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) The department of social and health services is authorized to contract with public and private employment and training agencies and 7 other public service entities to provide services prescribed or allowed 8 under the federal social security act, as amended, to carry out the 9 purposes of the jobs training program. The department of social and 10 11 health services has sole authority and responsibility to carry out the 12 job opportunities and basic skills training program. No contracting entity shall have the authority to review, change, or disapprove any 13 administrative decision, or otherwise substitute its judgment for that 14 of the department of social and health services as to the application 15 of policies and rules adopted by the department of social and health 16 17 services.
 - (2) To the extent feasible under federal law, the department of social and health services and all entities contracting with it shall give first priority of service to individuals volunteering for program participation((: PROVIDED, That the department shall require nonexempt parents under age twenty-four to actively participate in orientation, assessment, and either education, vocational training, or employment programs. At least one nonexempt parent in the aid to families with dependent children-employable program shall actively participate in orientation, assessment, and either job search, education, training, or employment. Social services shall be offered to participants in accordance with federal law. The department shall adopt appropriate sanctions to ensure compliance with the requirements and policies of this chapter)).
- (3) The department of social and health services shall adopt rules 31 32 under RCW establishing criteria constituting 34.05 circumstances of good cause for an individual failing or refusing to 33 34 participate in an assigned program component, or failing or refusing to 35 accept or retain employment. These criteria shall include, but not be 36 limited to, the following circumstances: (a) If the individual is a parent or other relative personally providing care for a child under 37 age six years, and the employment would require the individual to work 38

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- more than twenty hours per week; (b) if child care, or day care for an 1
- 2 incapacitated individual living in the same home as a dependent child,
- is necessary for an individual to participate or continue participation 3
- 4 in the program or accept employment, and such care is not available,
- 5 and the department of social and health services fails to provide such
- care; (c) the employment would result in the family of the participant 6
- 7 experiencing a net loss of cash income; or (d) circumstances that are
- 8 beyond the control of the individual's household, either on a short-
- 9 term or on an ongoing basis.
- (4) The department of social and health services shall adopt rules 10
- 11 under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to effectuate the intent and
- 12 purpose of this chapter.
- The department may provide grants to 13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.
- 14 community action agencies or other local nonprofit organizations to
- 15 job opportunities and basic skills training program
- 16 participants with transitional support services, one-to-one assistance,
- 17 and job retention services.
- 18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** The department of social and health services
- shall design a program for implementation involving recipients of aid 19
- 20 to families with dependent children. A goal of this program is to
- develop a system that segments the aid to families with dependent 21
- 22 children recipient population and identifies subgroups, matches
- 23 services to the needs of the subgroup, and prioritizes available
- services. The department shall specify the services to be offered in 24
- each population segment. The general focus of the services offered 25
- shall be on job training, work force preparedness, and job retention. 26
- 27 The program shall be designed for state-wide implementation on July
- 28 1, 1994. A proposal for implementation may include phasing certain
- 29 components over time or geographic area. The department shall submit
- this program to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of 30
- 31 representatives by December 1, 1993.
- 32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW
- to read as follows: 33
- 34 (1) As part of the orientation and assessment conducted pursuant to
- 35 RCW 74.25.020, the department shall assist the family of the recipient
- 36 in determining, in the following order of priority, the most

- 1 appropriate living situation that will best ensure the safety and well-
- 2 being for each recipient of aid to families with dependent children who
- 3 is receiving those benefits as a head of household and is under age
- 4 eighteen. Appropriate living situations may include, but are not
- 5 limited to:
- 6 (a) The parent's home;
- 7 (b) The home of a relative;
- 8 (c) A group living situation with adult supervision and guidance;
- 9 (d) Living independently; and
- 10 (e) Payment of the recipient's grant to another as provided in RCW
- 11 74.12.250.
- 12 (2) In conducting the assessment, the department shall consider all
- 13 relevant factors, including but not limited to:
- 14 (a) Whether the recipient is enrolled in and attending school;
- 15 (b) Whether the recipient is employed;
- 16 (c) The situation in the home of the recipient's parents, including
- 17 but not limited to, whether there is substance abuse or domestic
- 18 violence in the home and the adequacy of the dwelling; and
- 19 (d) Whether there is a history of physical, emotional, or sexual
- 20 abuse of the recipient by a person living in or frequenting the
- 21 recipient's parents' home.
- 22 (3) If, as a result of the assessment, the department becomes aware
- 23 of a recipient's need for other services that will help the recipient
- 24 complete high school or achieve economic independence, and be an
- 25 effective parent, the department shall make every effort to link the
- 26 recipient with the services, including parenting classes.
- 27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
- 28 to read as follows:
- In determining food stamp eligibility, the department shall exclude
- 30 as income the child support exempted by 42 U.S.C. Sec. 602(a)(8)(vi) or
- 31 657 (b).
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** By October 1, 1993, the department shall
- 33 request the governor to seek congressional and federal agency action on
- 34 any federal legislation or federal regulation that may be necessary to
- 35 implement chapter 74.-- RCW (sections 2 through 4, 8, and 12 of this
- 36 act), and any other section of chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act)
- 37 that may require a federal waiver.

- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 2 through 4, 8, and 12 of this act
- 2 shall constitute a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 14.** Section 2 of this act shall take effect
- 4 July 1, 1994, if specific funding for the purposes of section 2 of this
- 5 act, referencing section 2 of this act by bill and section number, is
- 6 provided by July 1, 1994, in the omnibus appropriations act. If
- 7 specific funding is not so provided, section 2 of this act shall be
- 8 null and void.
- 9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. Section 3 of this act shall take effect
- 10 July 1, 1993, if specific funding for the purposes of section 3 of this
- 11 act, referencing section 3 of this act by bill and section number, is
- 12 provided by July 1, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act. If
- 13 specific funding is not so provided, section 3 of this act shall be
- 14 null and void.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 16.** Section 4 of this act shall take effect
- 16 July 1, 1993, if specific funding for the purposes of section 4 of this
- 17 act, referencing section 4 of this act by bill and section number, is
- 18 provided by July 1, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act. In
- 19 specific funding is not so provided, section 4 of this act shall be
- 20 null and void.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 17.** Section 5 of this act shall take effect
- 22 July 1, 1993, if specific funding for the purposes of section 5 of this
- 23 act, referencing section 5 of this act by bill and section number, is
- 24 provided by July 1, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act. If
- 25 specific funding is not so provided, section 5 of this act shall be
- 26 null and void.
- 27 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 18.** Section 11 of this act shall take effect
- 28 July 1, 1994, if specific funding for the purposes of section 11 of
- 29 this act, referencing section 11 of this act by bill and section
- 30 number, is provided by July 1, 1994, in the omnibus appropriations act.
- 31 If specific funding is not so provided, section 11 of this act shall be
- 32 null and void.

1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. This act is necessary for the immediate

2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

3 state government and its existing public institutions.

Passed the House April 24, 1993.

Passed the Senate April 16, 1993.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 1993, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval to section 6, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1197 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to public assistance."

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1197 includes a number of progressive measures aimed at helping families on public assistance become independent by removing work disincentives and encouraging young people to complete their schooling.

Section 6 of the bill would establish an "essential persons" program for full-time students between the ages of 18 and 20 within the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. This would allow these individuals to be included as part of the family unit for purposes of calculating benefits, providing an incentive for young people to complete high school or go on to enroll in college or vocational school.

I applaud the direction the Legislature has taken in recognizing the importance of education in our effort to break the cycle of poverty. However, the operating budget bill passed by the Legislature does not include funding to implement this program. I do not believe that the Legislature intended that this bill result in expenditures in the 1993-95 biennium except those specifically authorized and funded in the budget. I believe that the veto of section 6 is necessary to reflect the Legislature's actual intent in enacting this bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 6 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1197.

With the exception of Section 6, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1197 is approved."