
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5155

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By Senate Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Brown and Patterson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance for needy families; and
2 amending RCW 74.08A.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.120 and 1997 c 57 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department may establish a food assistance program for
7 (~~persons whose immigrant status meets the eligibility requirements of~~
8 ~~the federal food stamp program, but who are no longer eligible solely~~
9 ~~due to their immigrant status under P.L. 104-193~~) legal immigrants who
10 are ineligible for the federal food stamp program.

11 (2) The rules for the state food assistance program shall follow
12 exactly the rules of the federal food stamp program except for the
13 provisions pertaining to immigrant status (~~under P.L. 104-193~~).

14 (3) The benefit under the state food assistance program shall be
15 established by the legislature in the biennial operating budget.

16 (4) The department may enter into a contract with the United States
17 department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp
18 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food
19 assistance program.

1 (5) In the event the department is unable to enter into a contract
2 with the United States department of agriculture, the department may
3 issue vouchers to eligible households for the purchase of eligible
4 foods at participating retailers.

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