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By Senators Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Kline and Wojahn

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1 AN ACT Relating to the residency requirement for recipients of
2 temporary assistance for needy families; and amending RCW 74.08.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.025 and 1997 c 58 s 101 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Public assistance may be awarded to any applicant:

7 (a) Who is in need and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements
8 of department assistance programs; and

9 (b) Who has not made a voluntary assignment of property or cash for
10 the purpose of qualifying for an assistance grant; and

11 (c) Who is not an inmate of a public institution except as a
12 patient in a medical institution or except as an inmate in a public
13 institution who could qualify for federal aid assistance: PROVIDED,
14 That the assistance paid by the department to recipients in nursing
15 homes, or receiving nursing home care, may cover the cost of clothing
16 and incidentals and general maintenance exclusive of medical care and
17 health services. The department may pay a grant to cover the cost of
18 clothing and personal incidentals in public or private medical
19 institutions and institutions for tuberculosis. The department shall

1 allow recipients in nursing homes to retain, in addition to the grant
2 to cover the cost of clothing and incidentals, wages received for work
3 as a part of a training or rehabilitative program designed to prepare
4 the recipient for less restrictive placement to the extent permitted
5 under Title XIX of the federal social security act.

6 ~~(2) ((Any person otherwise qualified for temporary assistance for
7 needy families under this title who has resided in the state of
8 Washington for fewer than twelve consecutive months immediately
9 preceding application for assistance is limited to the benefit level in
10 the state in which the person resided immediately before Washington,
11 using the eligibility rules and other definitions established under
12 this chapter, that was obtainable on the date of application in
13 Washington state, if the benefit level of the prior state is lower than
14 the level provided to similarly situated applicants in Washington
15 state. The benefit level under this subsection shall be in effect for
16 the first twelve months a recipient is on temporary assistance for
17 needy families in Washington state.~~

18 ~~(3))~~ Any person otherwise qualified for temporary assistance for
19 needy families who is assessed through the state alcohol and substance
20 abuse program as drug or alcohol-dependent and requiring treatment to
21 become employable shall be required by the department to participate in
22 a drug or alcohol treatment program as a condition of benefit receipt.

23 ~~((4))~~ (3) In order to be eligible for temporary assistance for
24 needy families and food stamp program benefits, any applicant with a
25 felony conviction after August 21, 1996, involving drug use or
26 possession, must: (a) Have been assessed as chemically dependent by a
27 chemical dependency program approved under chapter 70.96A RCW and be
28 participating in or have completed a coordinated rehabilitation plan
29 consisting of chemical dependency treatment and vocational services;
30 and (b) have not been convicted of a felony involving drug use or
31 possession in the three years prior to the most current conviction.

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