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By Senators Fairley, Winsley and Franklin; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance for needy families;
2 amending RCW 74.12.010, 74.12.035, and 74.08A.120; and repealing RCW
3 74.12.036.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.010 and 1997 c 59 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 For the purposes of the administration of temporary assistance for
8 needy families, the term "dependent child" means any child in need
9 under the age of eighteen years who (~~has been deprived of parental~~
10 ~~support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the~~
11 ~~home, or physical or mental incapacity of the parent, and who~~) is
12 living with a relative as specified under federal temporary assistance
13 for needy families program requirements, in a place of residence
14 maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their homes. The
15 term a "dependent child" shall, notwithstanding the foregoing, also
16 include a child who would meet such requirements except for his removal
17 from the home of a relative specified above as a result of a judicial
18 determination that continuation therein would be contrary to the
19 welfare of such child, for whose placement and care the state

1 department of social and health services or the county office is
2 responsible, and who has been placed in a licensed or approved child
3 care institution or foster home as a result of such determination and
4 who: (1) Was receiving an aid to families with dependent children
5 grant for the month in which court proceedings leading to such
6 determination were initiated; or (2) would have received aid to
7 families with dependent children for such month if application had been
8 made therefor; or (3) in the case of a child who had been living with
9 a specified relative within six months prior to the month in which such
10 proceedings were initiated, would have received aid to families with
11 dependent children for such month if in such month he had been living
12 with such a relative and application had been made therefor, as
13 authorized by the Social Security Act(~~(: PROVIDED, That to the extent~~
14 ~~authorized by the legislature in the biennial appropriations act and to~~
15 ~~the extent that matching funds are available from the federal~~
16 ~~government, temporary assistance for needy families assistance shall be~~
17 ~~available to any child in need who has been deprived of parental~~
18 ~~support or care by reason of the unemployment of a parent or stepparent~~
19 ~~liable under this chapter for support of the child)).~~

20 "Temporary assistance for needy families" means money payments,
21 services, and remedial care with respect to a dependent child or
22 dependent children and the needy parent or relative with whom the child
23 lives (~~and may include another parent or stepparent of the dependent~~
24 ~~child if living with the parent and if the child is a dependent child~~
25 ~~by reason of the physical or mental incapacity or unemployment of a~~
26 ~~parent or stepparent liable under this chapter for the support of such~~
27 ~~child)).~~

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.12.035 and 1997 c 59 s 18 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) (~~(A family or assistance unit is not eligible for aid for any~~
31 ~~month if for that month the total income of the family or assistance~~
32 ~~unit, without application of income disregards, exceeds one hundred~~
33 ~~eighty-five percent of the state standard of need for a family of the~~
34 ~~same composition: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of determining the~~
35 ~~total income of the family or assistance unit, the earned income of a~~
36 ~~dependent child who is a full-time student for whom temporary~~
37 ~~assistance for needy families is being provided shall be disregarded~~
38 ~~for six months per calendar year.~~

1 ~~(2) Participation in a strike does not constitute good cause to~~
2 ~~leave or to refuse to seek or accept employment. Assistance is not~~
3 ~~payable to a family for any month in which any caretaker relative with~~
4 ~~whom the child is living is, on the last day of the month,~~
5 ~~participating in a strike. An individual's need shall not be included~~
6 ~~in determining the amount of aid payable for any month to a family or~~
7 ~~assistance unit if, on the last day of the month, the individual is~~
8 ~~participating in a strike.~~

9 ~~(3)) Children over eighteen years of age and under nineteen years~~
10 ~~of age who are full-time students reasonably expected to complete a~~
11 ~~program of secondary school, or the equivalent level of vocational or~~
12 ~~technical training, before reaching nineteen years of age are eligible~~
13 ~~to receive temporary assistance for needy families: PROVIDED HOWEVER,~~
14 ~~That if such students do not successfully complete such program before~~
15 ~~reaching nineteen years of age, the assistance rendered under this~~
16 ~~subsection during such period shall not be a debt due the state.~~

17 (2) Children with disabilities who are eighteen years of age and
18 under twenty-one years of age and who are full-time students whose
19 education is being provided in accordance with RCW 28A.155.020 are
20 eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

21 (3) The department is authorized to grant exceptions to the
22 eligibility restrictions for children eighteen years of age and under
23 twenty-one years of age under subsection (1) and (2) of this section
24 only when it determines by reasonable, objective criteria that such
25 exceptions are likely to enable the children to complete their high
26 school education, general equivalency diploma or vocational education.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 74.12.036 and 1997 c 59 s 19 & 1994 c
28 299 s 11 are each repealed.

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

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

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

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

6 (4) The department may enter into a contract with the United States
7 department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp
8 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food
9 assistance program.

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

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