
SENATE BILL 6094

State of Washington

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance to Kosovar Albanian
2 refugees; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that
5 thousands of Kosovar Albanian refugees have been displaced by Serbian
6 nationalists. As a result of this genocide, the United States in
7 cooperation with NATO has begun a bombing campaign aimed at stopping
8 the humanitarian crisis. Due to Serbian expulsion, the current crisis
9 in Kosovo has resulted in three hundred thousand displaced Kosovar
10 Albanians. Refugees have been pouring into neighboring countries at
11 such excessive rates that some borders are closing and refugees have no
12 place to go. The United States State Department has begun screening
13 Kosovar Albanians in refugee camps in Albania and Macedonia to bring
14 approximately twenty thousand refugees to the United States. In order
15 that the state of Washington be prepared to handle the possible
16 refugees to this state, it is the intent of the legislature that the
17 state of Washington be financially prepared to accommodate these
18 people.

1 (2) The department of social and health services shall provide
2 necessary temporary assistance to Kosovar Albanian refugees who are
3 temporary residents of Washington state as a direct consequence of the
4 humanitarian crisis in Kosovo.

5 (3) The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
7 2000, from the general fund to the department of social and health
8 services for the purposes of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
10 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
11 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
12 void.

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