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By Senators Brandland, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Stevens, and Carrell

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1            AN ACT Relating to applications for public assistance from persons  
2 currently ineligible to receive assistance; and amending RCW 74.08.060.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.060 and 1985 c 335 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The department shall ~~((be required to))~~ approve or deny the  
7 application within forty-five days after ~~((the))~~ filing ~~((thereof))~~,  
8 and shall immediately notify the applicant in writing of its  
9 decision~~((: PROVIDED, That))~~. If the department is not able within  
10 forty-five days, despite due diligence, to secure all information  
11 necessary to establish ~~((his))~~ eligibility, the department ~~((is charged  
12 to))~~ shall continue to secure such information ~~((and))~~. If such  
13 information, when established, makes the applicant eligible, the  
14 department shall pay ~~((his))~~ the grant from the date of authorization  
15 or forty-five days after the date of application, whichever is  
16 ~~((sooner-~~

17            ~~Any person currently ineligible, who will become eligible after the~~  
18 ~~occurrence of a specific event, may apply for assistance within forty-~~  
19 ~~five days of that event))~~ earlier, except that the department shall not

1 make payments during any period of time in which the applicant is  
2 ineligible for public assistance as an inmate of a public institution  
3 under RCW 74.08.025(1)(c).

4 The department (~~is~~ authorized) may, in respect to work  
5 requirements, (~~to~~) provide employment and training services,  
6 including job search, job placement, work orientation, and necessary  
7 support services to verify eligibility.

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