

SB 5967 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-5227.3) **226**

By Senators Regala, Brown

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1 On page 66, line 6, increase the General Fund--State appropriation
2 fiscal year 2012 by \$17,950,000 and adjust the total appropriation
3 accordingly.

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5 On page 66, line 8, increase the General Fund--State appropriation
6 fiscal year 2013 by \$127,925,000 and adjust the total appropriation
7 accordingly.

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9 On page 66, after line 15, strike all material down through page 67,
10 including line 30 and insert:

11 " (1) (~~(\$258,880,000)~~) \$140,000,000 of the general fund--state
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2012, (~~(\$297,296,000)~~) \$140,000,000 of
13 the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2013, and
14 (~~(\$710,173,000)~~) \$288,741,000 of the general fund--federal
15 appropriation are provided solely for (~~all components of the~~
16 ~~WorkFirst program~~) assistance to clients including grants,
17 diversion cash assistance under RCW 74.08A.210, and tribal
18 assistance under RCW 74.08A.040. Under section 2 of Engrossed
19 Substitute Senate Bill No. 5921 (social services programs), the
20 amounts in this subsection assume that any participant in the
21 temporary assistance for needy families where their participation is
22 suspended and does not volunteer to participate in WorkFirst
23 services or unsubsidized employment does not receive child care
24 subsidies or WorkFirst subsidies as a condition of the suspension.
25 Within the amounts provided (~~for the WorkFirst program~~) in this
26 subsection, the department may provide assistance using state-only
27 funds for families eligible for temporary assistance for needy
families.

23 (2)(a) \$15,000,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
24 fiscal year 2012, \$15,000,000 of the general fund--state
25 appropriation for fiscal year 2013, and \$111,386,000 of the general
26 fund--federal appropriation are provided solely for WorkFirst job
27 search, education and training activities, and barrier removal
services. Funding appropriated in this subsection (2)(a) must be
allocated using a formula that accounts for client caseload and
client outcomes, including outcome and accountability measures

1 adopted by the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight task force
2 under RCW 74.08A.260 and outcomes under RCW 74.08A.410. Funding must
3 be allocated using this formula beginning July 1, 2012. The
4 department shall present this formula, including outcome data, to
5 the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight task force by July 1,
6 2012.

7 ~~((a))~~ (b) Within the amounts provided for WorkFirst in this
8 subsection, the department shall continue to implement WorkFirst
9 program improvements that are designed to achieve progress against
10 outcome measures specified in RCW 74.08A.410.

11 ~~((b))~~ (c) The department may establish a career services work
12 transition program.

13 ~~((c) Within the amounts provided in this subsection,~~
14 ~~\$1,414,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year~~
15 ~~2012 and \$5,150,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for~~
16 ~~fiscal year 2013 are provided solely for the implementation and~~
17 ~~administration of the electronic benefit transfer system under~~
18 ~~section 12 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5921 (social~~
19 ~~services programs). The department shall transfer these amounts to~~
20 ~~the department of early learning for the implementation and~~
21 ~~administration of the project.))~~

22 (d) Within amounts appropriated in this subsection, the
23 legislature expressly mandates that the department exercise its
24 authority, granted in 1997 under RCW 74.08A.290, to contract for
25 work activities services pursuant to that statutory authority and
26 RCW 41.06.142(3).

27 (3) \$44,729,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
28 fiscal year 2012, \$48,967,000 of the general fund--state
29 appropriation for fiscal year 2013, and \$246,921,000 of the general
30 fund--federal appropriation are provided solely for the working
31 connections child care program under RCW 43.215.135.

32 ~~((e))~~ (4) The department shall create a temporary assistance
33 for needy families budget structure that allows for more transparent
34 tracking of budget units and subunits of expenditures where these
units and subunits are mutually exclusive from other department
budget units. The budget structure shall include budget units for
the following: Grants, child care, WorkFirst activities, and
administration of the program. The department shall make quarterly
expenditure reports to the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight
task force and legislative fiscal committees.

35 ~~((2)(a) \$11,825,000))~~ (5) \$26,825,000 of the general fund--
36 federal appropriation is provided solely for a contingency reserve
37 in the event ((the temporary assistance for needy families cash
38 benefit is)) that expenditures under subsections (1) and (3) of this
39 section are projected to exceed ((forecasted amounts by more than
40 one percent)) the appropriated amounts. The department shall only
41 expend an amount equal to the forecasted over-expenditure. For
42 purposes of this subsection, the temporary assistance forecast shall
43 be completed every quarter and follow a similar schedule of the
44 caseload forecast council forecasts. The department shall report to
the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight task force and

1 legislative fiscal committees the need to access the contingency
2 reserve.

3 ~~((b) If sufficient savings in subsection (1) of this section~~
4 ~~are achieved, the department of early learning shall increase the~~
5 ~~number of child care slots available for the working connections~~
6 ~~child care program.)) (6) The amounts in subsections (1) through (5)~~
7 of this section shall be expended for the programs and in the
8 amounts specified. However, the department may transfer funding
9 between subsections (1) and (3) of this section, but only if the
10 funding is available to transfer solely due to utilization or
11 caseload changes. Amounts in subsection (2) of this section may be
12 transferred to subsections (1) or (3) of this section. The approval
13 of the director of financial management is required prior to any
14 transfer under this subsection. The department shall provide
15 notification prior to any transfer to the appropriate legislative
16 committees and the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight task
17 force."

18 On page 179, line 24, increase the General Fund--State appropriation
19 fiscal year 2012 by \$50,000 and adjust the total appropriation
20 accordingly.

21 On page 179, line 26, increase the General Fund--State
22 appropriation fiscal year 2013 by \$2,075,000 and adjust the total
23 appropriation accordingly.

24 On page 181, line 16, after "(7)", insert the following:
25 "(a) \$153,558,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation is
26 provided solely for the working connections child care program under
27 RCW 43.215.135.

28 (b)"

29 On page 181, after line 21, insert the following:
30 "(c) The department is directed to examine, and revise if necessary,
31 the good cause exemptions to the child support requirements for the
32 working connections child care program, in cooperation with the
33 department of social and health services and the office of financial
34 management, to determine if additional exemptions may be necessary
to prevent potential clients from being unable to access the
program.

35 (8)(a) \$50,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
36 year 2012 and \$1,050,000 of the general fund--state appropriation
37 for fiscal year 2013 are provided solely for implementation and
38 administration of an electronic benefit transfer system. The system
39 shall include electronic time keeping, integrated with an

1 eligibility information technology system, and an electronic payment
2 system. The department shall coordinate implementation of this
3 system with the department of social and health services.

4 (b) \$100,000 of the general fund--state appropriation in this
5 subsection is provided solely for the department to contract for an
6 independent consultant to evaluate and recommend the optimum system
7 for the eligibility determination process. The evaluation must
8 include an analysis of lean management processes that, if adopted,
9 could improve the cost effectiveness and delivery of eligibility
10 determination. The department shall coordinate with the department
11 of social and health services for this evaluation. The department
12 must report to the office of financial management and the
13 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature by
14 December 1, 2012."

15 On page 181, line 26, after "fiscal committees", insert "and
16 the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight task force"

17 On page 182, after line 6, insert the following:
18 "(13) \$1,025,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
19 year 2013 and \$6,712,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation
20 are provided solely for the seasonal child care program."

21 Renumber sections accordingly.

EFFECT:

Provides funding within the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for a 15 percent increase to grants and to remove a large family cap policy.

Provides funding for the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program to serve up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and asks the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to examine good cause exemptions to the child support enforcement requirement for WCCC.

Puts programs within the TANF Box into separate provisos.

Moves funding for the electronic child care attendance system and seasonal child care to DEL.

Fiscal Impact: \$148 million in GF-S

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