

2SSB 6478 - H AMD 2181

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 2019 c 343 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary
6 assistance for needy families for sixty months after July 27, 1997,
7 shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy
8 families assistance.

9 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the
10 department shall count any month in which an adult family member
11 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance
12 grant unless the assistance was provided when the adult family member
13 was a minor child and not the head of the household or married to the
14 head of the household.

15 (3) The department shall adopt regulations to apply the sixty-
16 month time limit to households in which a parent is in the home and
17 ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families. Any
18 regulations shall be consistent with federal funding requirements.

19 (4) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized
20 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims'
21 programs through the department of commerce, or the crime victims'
22 compensation program of the department of labor and industries.

23 (5) (a) The department shall add to adopted rules related to
24 temporary assistance for needy families time limit extensions, the
25 following criteria by which the department shall exempt a recipient
26 and the recipient's family from the application of subsection (1) of
27 this section:

28 (i) By reason of hardship, including ~~((if the recipient is a~~
29 ~~homeless person as described in RCW 43.185C.010))~~ when the
30 recipient's family includes a child or youth who is without a fixed,
31 regular, and adequate nighttime residence as described in the federal

1 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act (Title 42 U.S.C., chapter 119,
2 subchapter VI, part B) as it existed on January 1, 2020; or

3 (ii) If the family includes an individual who meets the family
4 violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal
5 social security act as amended by P.L. 104-193.

6 (b) Policies related to circumstances under which a recipient
7 will be exempted from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of
8 this section shall treat adults receiving benefits on their own
9 behalf, and parents receiving benefits on behalf of their child
10 similarly, unless required otherwise under federal law.

11 (6) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her
12 family from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this section
13 until after the recipient has received fifty-two months of assistance
14 under this chapter.

15 (7) The department shall provide transitional food assistance for
16 a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive
17 temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in
18 sanction status. If necessary, the department shall extend the
19 household's basic food certification until the end of the transition
20 period.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) Annually by December 31st, the department must report to the
24 governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
25 legislature disaggregated data identifying the race of individuals
26 whose temporary assistance for needy families benefits were reduced
27 or terminated during the preceding year due to:

28 (a) Sanction as described in RCW 74.08A.260; or

29 (b) Reaching the sixty-month time limit under RCW 74.08A.010.

30 (2) If the disaggregated data for terminated or sanctioned
31 individuals shows a disproportionate representation of any racial
32 group that has experienced historic disparities or discrimination,
33 the department must describe steps it is taking to address and remedy
34 the racial disproportionality.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
36 2021."

37 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the provision requiring the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to reduce a family's grant after two months, and to terminate a family's grant after 12 months of continuous noncompliance.

Modifies the time limit extension provision for homeless families to allow a time limit extension when the recipient's family includes a child or youth who is without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as described in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Requires DSHS to report disaggregated data identifying the race of individuals whose benefits were reduced or terminated during the preceding year due to sanction or reaching the 60-month limit and describe steps the Department is taking to address and remedy any racial disproportionality.

Removes the effective date of May 1, 2021, for the Act and adds an effective date of July 1, 2021, for time limit extension policy changes.

Removes the provision specifying the Act applies prospectively only.

Removes the null and void clause.

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