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By House Housing, Human Services & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Peterson, Ortiz-Self, Senn, Santos, Ormsby, Bergquist, Macri, Ramel, Simmons, Pollet, and Harris-Talley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance for needy families time
2 limit extensions; and amending RCW 74.08A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 2021 c 239 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary
7 assistance for needy families for (~~sixty~~) 60 months after July 27,
8 1997, shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy
9 families assistance.

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

16 (3) The department shall adopt regulations to apply the (~~sixty-~~
17 ~~month~~) 60-month time limit to households in which a parent is in the
18 home and ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families due
19 to application of program rules regarding fraud and disqualifying
20 claims. Any regulations shall be consistent with federal funding
21 requirements.

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

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

10 (i) By reason of hardship, including when:

11 (A) The recipient's family includes a child or youth who is
12 without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as
13 described in the federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act
14 (Title 42 U.S.C., chapter 119, subchapter VI, part B) as it existed
15 on January 1, 2020; (~~or~~)

16 (B) The recipient received temporary assistance for needy
17 families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when Washington
18 state's unemployment rate as published by the Washington employment
19 security department was equal to or greater than seven percent, and
20 the recipient is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for
21 needy families except that they have exceeded 60 months. The
22 extension provided for under this subsection (5) (a) (i) (B) is equal to
23 the number of months that the recipient received temporary assistance
24 for needy families during a month after March 1, 2020, when the
25 unemployment rate was equal to or greater than seven percent, and is
26 applied sequentially to any other hardship extensions that may apply
27 under this subsection (5) or in rule;

28 (C) The recipient is temporarily prevented from working or
29 looking for a job;

30 (D) The recipient is in need of mental health or substance use
31 disorder treatment;

32 (E) The recipient is homeless or at substantial risk of losing
33 stable housing or housing support services as described in RCW
34 43.185C.220; or

35 (F) The recipient demonstrates another basis by which the time
36 limit pursuant to subsection (1) of this section would cause undue
37 burden or hardship to the recipient or the recipient's family; or

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

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

6 (6) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her
7 family from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this section
8 until after the recipient has received (~~fifty-two~~) 52 months of
9 assistance under this chapter.

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

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