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By House Appropriations (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; amending RCW 74.08A.010; and creating a new
3 section.

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

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

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

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

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

1 claims. Any regulations shall be consistent with federal funding
2 requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (E) The recipient is homeless or at substantial risk of losing
35 stable housing or housing support services as described in RCW
36 43.185C.220; or

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

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

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

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

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

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
20 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
21 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
22 act is null and void.

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