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By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.08A.010 and 2023 c 418 s 3 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 60 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 refer recipients who require specialized  
16 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims'  
17 programs through the department of commerce, or the crime victims'  
18 compensation program of the department of labor and industries.

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

24 (a) By reason of hardship, including when:

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

30 (ii) The recipient received temporary assistance for needy  
31 families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when Washington

1 state's unemployment rate as published by the Washington employment  
2 security department was equal to or greater than seven percent, and  
3 the recipient is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for  
4 needy families except that they have exceeded 60 months. The  
5 extension provided for under this subsection (4)(a)(ii) is equal to  
6 the number of months that the recipient received temporary assistance  
7 for needy families during a month on or after March 1, 2020, when the  
8 unemployment rate was equal to or greater than seven percent, and is  
9 applied sequentially to any other hardship extensions that may apply  
10 under this subsection (4) or in rule; or

11 (iii) Beginning July 1, 2022, the Washington state unemployment  
12 rate most recently published by the Washington employment security  
13 department is equal to or greater than seven percent; (~~or~~)

14 (b) If the family includes an individual who meets the family  
15 violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal  
16 social security act as amended by P.L. 104-193; or

17 (c) If the recipient or applicant is a parent or legal guardian  
18 to a child under the age of two who lives in the same household and  
19 qualifies for an infant, toddler, or postpartum exemption from  
20 WorkFirst activities.

21 (5) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her  
22 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section until  
23 after the recipient has received 52 months of assistance under this  
24 chapter.

25 (6) The department shall provide transitional food assistance for  
26 a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive  
27 temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in  
28 full-family sanction status. If a member of a household has been  
29 sanctioned but the household is still receiving benefits, the  
30 remaining eligible household members may receive transitional food  
31 assistance. If necessary, the department shall extend the household's  
32 basic food certification until the end of the transition period.

33 (7) The department may adopt rules specifying which published  
34 employment security department unemployment rates to use for the  
35 purposes of subsection (4)(a)(ii) and (iii) of this section.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
38 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not

1 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
2 act is null and void."

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3 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "programs;" strike the  
4 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.08A.010; creating  
5 a new section; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: If a TANF recipient or applicant is a parent or legal guardian to a child under the age of two who lives in the same household and qualifies for an infant, toddler, or postpartum exemption from WorkFirst activities, that recipient or applicant is eligible for a TANF time limit extension.

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