
SENATE BILL 5272

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By Senator Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance award levels; and amending RCW
2 74.08.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.025 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 9 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Public assistance shall be awarded to any applicant:

7 ~~((1))~~ (a) Who is in need and otherwise meets the eligibility
8 requirements of department assistance programs; and

9 ~~((2))~~ (b) Who has not made a voluntary assignment of property or
10 cash for the purpose of qualifying for an assistance grant; and

11 ~~((3))~~ (c) Who is not an inmate of a public institution except as
12 a patient in a medical institution or except as an inmate in a public
13 institution who could qualify for federal aid assistance: PROVIDED,
14 That the assistance paid by the department to recipients in nursing
15 homes, or receiving nursing home care, may cover the cost of clothing
16 and incidentals and general maintenance exclusive of medical care and
17 health services. The department may pay a grant to cover the cost of
18 clothing and personal incidentals in public or private medical
19 institutions and institutions for tuberculosis. The department shall

1 allow recipients in nursing homes to retain, in addition to the grant
2 to cover the cost of clothing and incidentals, wages received for work
3 as a part of a training or rehabilitative program designed to prepare
4 the recipient for less restrictive placement to the extent permitted
5 under Title XIX of the federal social security act.

6 (2) For any person otherwise qualified to receive public assistance
7 under this title who has resided in the state of Washington for less
8 than twelve continuous months immediately preceding receipt of any
9 public assistance under this title, any public assistance received is
10 limited to levels or amounts of assistance the person would have
11 received from a similar program in the state where the person most
12 recently had an established residence before moving to Washington, if
13 the public assistance is lower than that provided to similarly situated
14 families in Washington.

15 The department shall conduct a periodic survey of the other states
16 to determine their public assistance levels for programs similar to
17 those in the state of Washington, and shall by rule adopt a scale of
18 public assistance limits based on state of origin.

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