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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Hunger and malnutrition threaten the
8 future of a whole generation of children in Washington. Children who
9 are hungry or malnourished are unable to function optimally in the
10 classroom and are thus at risk of lower achievement in school. The
11 resultant diminished future capacity of and opportunities for these
12 children will affect this state's economic and social future. Thus, the
13 legislature finds that the state has an interest in helping families
14 provide nutritious meals to children.

15 The legislature also finds that the state has an interest in
16 helping hungry and malnourished adults obtain necessary nourishment.
17 Adequate nourishment is necessary for physical health, and physical
18 health is the foundation of self-sufficiency. Adequate nourishment is
19 especially critical in the case of pregnant and lactating women, both
20 to ensure that all mothers and babies are as healthy as possible and to
21 minimize the costs associated with the care of low-birthweight babies."

22 "PART I

23 WIC"

24 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** The legislature finds that the special
25 supplemental food program for women, infants, and children has proven
26 effective in preventing infant mortality, reducing the number of

1 undernourished children with retarded growth, reducing the incidence of
2 delayed cognitive development and decreasing the number of
3 low-birthweight babies. However, not all of the eligible mothers and
4 children in this state are currently served by the program. Therefore,
5 the legislature intends to increase the number of eligible women and
6 children served by the program."

7 "PART II

8 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** The legislature finds that the emergency
10 food assistance program has been successful in defraying the costs of
11 operating food banks and food distribution programs in the state.
12 However, current resources are inadequate to meet the needs of the
13 hungry and malnourished people in this state. Additional funding for
14 the emergency food assistance program is needed to provide for the
15 purchase, transportation, and storage of food and to support the
16 operation of food banks, food distribution programs, and tribal voucher
17 programs.

18 Additionally, many of the people who receive food from food banks
19 have special nutritional needs that are not currently being met. These
20 include infants and children with disabilities, pregnant and lactating
21 women, adults with chronic diseases, people with acquired immune
22 deficiency syndrome, people with lactose intolerance, people who have
23 difficulty chewing, alcoholics, intravenous drug users, and people with
24 cultural food preferences. The legislature finds that additional funds
25 to provide special nutritional foods are necessary and that training
26 regarding these special nutritional needs is needed for food bank staff
27 and volunteers."

1 "PART III
2 FOOD STAMPS"

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** The legislature finds that delays in
4 receiving food stamps often drive hungry families to food banks.
5 Expediting the issuance of food stamps to eligible applicants will ease
6 some of the pressure on the food bank system. The legislature also
7 finds that some of those who currently apply for the expedited issuance
8 of food stamps are not receiving them within the five-day waiting
9 period. Therefore, the department is directed to issue food stamps to
10 eligible applicants within twenty-four hours of application."

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** The department shall issue expedited
12 food stamps to eligible recipients within twenty-four hours of
13 application. The department shall establish an eligibility process for
14 the expedited issuance of food stamps that conforms to federal
15 requirements and results in the least additional workload increase to
16 department staff."

17 "PART IV
18 NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS"

19 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401.** The legislature finds that the school
20 breakfast and lunch programs, the summer feeding program, and the child
21 and adult day care feeding programs authorized by the United States
22 department of agriculture are effective in addressing unmet nutritional
23 needs. However, some communities in the state do not participate in
24 these programs. The result is hunger, malnutrition, and inadequate
25 nutrition education for otherwise eligible persons living in
26 nonparticipating communities."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. The superintendent of public instruction
2 shall aggressively solicit eligible schools, child and adult day care
3 centers, and other organizations to participate in the nutrition
4 programs authorized by the United States department of agriculture."

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 403. The superintendent of public instruction
6 shall:

7 (1) Provide start-up funds for school breakfast programs in those
8 schools not qualifying as "severe need schools" as defined in chapter
9 239, Laws of 1989;

10 (2) Provide funds for school districts to start or restart school
11 lunch programs;

12 (3) Provide an additional 10 cents per meal reimbursement for all
13 meals served to children in schools. The per meal reimbursement shall
14 be adjusted annually to reflect the cost of living using a process
15 approved by the United States department of agriculture;

16 (4) Establish a marketing, promotion, education, and training
17 program for use by all child nutrition programs;

18 (5) In coordination with the department of health and other
19 organizations, develop and distribute material and provide training to
20 help child nutrition programs comply with United States department of
21 agriculture guidelines;

22 (6) In coordination with other agencies, allocate and administer
23 national nutrition education training funds; and

24 (7) In coordination with other organizations, develop a media
25 campaign to educate the public about child nutrition programs."

26 "PART V
27 MISCELLANEOUS"

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** Following the 1991 legislative session,
2 the senate children and family services committee and the house of
3 representatives human services committee shall conduct a joint interim
4 study on:

- 5 (1) The need for nutrition programs for at-risk youth;
- 6 (2) The nutritional needs of persons served in out-of-home care
7 settings;
- 8 (3) The nutritional needs of senior citizens; and
- 9 (4) The nutritional needs of persons under the age of sixty who
10 receive services through the long-term care system."

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** Parts and headings as used in this act
12 constitute no part of the law."

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** If any provision of this act or its
14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
16 persons or circumstances is not affected."

17 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 504.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
20 effect July 1, 1991."

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505.** If specific funding for the purposes of
22 section 101 of this act, referencing section 101 of this act by bill
23 number and section, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus
24 appropriations act, section 101 of this act shall be null and void."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** If specific funding for the purposes of
2 section 201 of this act, referencing section 201 of this act by bill
3 number and section, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus
4 appropriations act, section 201 of this act shall be null and void."

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 507.** If specific funding for the purposes of
6 sections 301 and 302 of this act, referencing sections 301 and 302 of
7 this act by bill number and sections, is not provided by June 30, 1991,
8 in the omnibus appropriations act, sections 301 and 302 of this act
9 shall be null and void."

10 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 508.** If specific funding for the purposes of
11 sections 402 and 403 of this act, referencing sections 402 and 403 of
12 this act by bill number and sections, is not provided by June 30, 1991,
13 in the omnibus appropriations act, sections 402 and 403 of this act
14 shall be null and void."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "nutrition;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; providing an
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency."