
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5568

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Stratton, Talmadge, L. Smith, Pelz, Bailey, Gaspard, Vognild, Williams, Skratek, Murray, Newhouse, McMullen, Matson, Bauer, West, L. Kreidler, A. Smith, Wojahn, Moore, Rinehart and Snyder).

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunger and nutrition; adding new sections to
2 chapter 74.04 RCW; adding new sections to Title 28A RCW; creating new
3 sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

13 The legislature also finds that the state has an interest in
14 helping hungry and malnourished adults obtain necessary nourishment.
15 Adequate nourishment is necessary for physical health, and physical

1 health is the foundation of self-sufficiency. Adequate nourishment is
2 especially critical in the case of pregnant and lactating women, both
3 to ensure that all mothers and babies are as healthy as possible and to
4 minimize the costs associated with the care of low-birthweight babies.

5 PART I

6 WIC

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** The legislature finds that the special
8 supplemental food program for women, infants, and children has proven
9 effective in preventing infant mortality, reducing the number of
10 undernourished children with retarded growth, reducing the incidence of
11 delayed cognitive development and decreasing the number of
12 low-birthweight babies. However, not all of the eligible mothers and
13 children in this state are currently served by the program. Therefore,
14 the legislature intends to increase the number of eligible women and
15 children served by the program.

16 PART II

17 EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** The legislature finds that the
19 emergency food assistance program has been successful in defraying the
20 costs of operating food banks and food distribution programs in the
21 state. However, current resources are inadequate to meet the needs of
22 the hungry and malnourished people in this state. Additional funding
23 for the emergency food assistance program is needed to provide for the
24 purchase, transportation, and storage of food and to support the
25 operation of food banks, food distribution programs, and tribal voucher
26 programs.

1 (1) Provide start-up funds for school breakfast programs in those
2 schools not qualifying as "severe need schools" as defined in chapter
3 239, Laws of 1989;

4 (2) Provide funds for school districts to start or restart school
5 lunch programs;

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

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

12 (5) In coordination with the department of health and other
13 organizations, develop and distribute material and provide training to
14 help child nutrition programs comply with United States department of
15 agriculture guidelines;

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

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

20 PART V

21 MISCELLANEOUS

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** Following the 1991 legislative session,
23 the senate children and family services committee and the house of
24 representatives human services committee shall conduct a joint interim
25 study on:

26 (1) The need for nutrition programs for at-risk youth;

27 (2) The nutritional needs of persons served in out-of-home care
28 settings;

1 (3) The nutritional needs of senior citizens; and

2 (4) The nutritional needs of persons under the age of sixty who
3 receive services through the long-term care system.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** If any provision of this act or its
7 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
8 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
9 persons or circumstances is not affected.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 504.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
13 effect July 1, 1991.

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

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

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 507.** If specific funding for the purposes of
23 sections 301 and 302 of this act, referencing sections 301 and 302 of
24 this act by bill number and sections, is not provided by June 30, 1991,

1 in the omnibus appropriations act, sections 301 and 302 of this act
2 shall be null and void.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 508.** If specific funding for the purposes of
4 section 303 of this act, referencing section 303 of this act by bill
5 number and section, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus
6 appropriations act, section 303 of this act shall be null and void.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 509.** If specific funding for the purposes of
8 sections 402 and 403 of this act, referencing sections 402 and 403 of
9 this act by bill number and sections, is not provided by June 30, 1991,
10 in the omnibus appropriations act, sections 402 and 403 of this act
11 shall be null and void.