

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5493**

**AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Modifying provisions for AFDC payments to children living in unsuitable homes.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Talmadge and Deccio; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Staff:** Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

**Hearing Dates:** February 24, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Federal law limits Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments to qualified children living with a parent or a relative of specified degree of kinship.

The term "guardian" in current Washington State statute has been interpreted to mean a child could receive AFDC if living with a "guardian." This conflicts with federal law and has resulted in litigation and confusion.

**SUMMARY:**

The term "guardian" is deleted, clarifying that a child receiving AFDC must live with a parent or relative of specified degree.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available