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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance; amending RCW 74.04.300;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 74.04.005; adding a new chapter to Title 74
3 RCW; creating a new section; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The current public assistance system requires a reduction in
7 grant standards when income is received. In most cases, family income
8 is limited to levels substantially below the standard of need. This is
9 a strong disincentive to work. To remove this disincentive, the
10 legislature intends to allow families to retain a greater percentage of
11 income before it results in the reduction or termination of benefits;

12 (2) Employment, training, and education services provided to
13 employable recipients of public assistance are effective tools in
14 achieving economic self-sufficiency. Support services that are
15 targeted to the specific needs of the individual offer the best hope of
16 achieving economic self-sufficiency in a cost-effective manner;

17 (3) State welfare-to-work programs, which move individuals from
18 dependence to economic independence, must be operated cooperatively and
19 collaboratively between state agencies and programs. They also must

1 include public assistance recipients as active partners in self-
2 sufficiency planning activities. Participants in economic independence
3 programs and services will benefit from the concepts of personal
4 empowerment, self-motivation, and self-esteem; and

5 (4) Many barriers to economic independence are found in federal
6 statutes and rules, and provide states with limited options for
7 restructuring existing programs in order to create incentives for
8 employment over continued dependence.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Grant payments to recipients of aid to
10 families with dependent children shall be reduced to offset income only
11 to the extent that countable income received, together with the grant
12 payment, exceed one hundred fifteen percent of the grant standard.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department shall amend the state plan to
14 eliminate the one hundred hour work rule for recipients of aid to
15 families with dependent children-employable. The department shall seek
16 federal approval for the amendment to the state plan and report on
17 federal action to the appropriate standing committees of the
18 legislature by December 1, 1993.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall initiate a pilot
20 project using electronic benefit transfer technology for the food
21 stamp, aid to families with dependent children, and women, infant, and
22 children programs. The department shall report to the appropriate
23 standing committees of the legislature on the project implementation
24 status by December 1, 1994.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.04.005 and 1992 c 165 s 1 and 1992 c 136 s 1 are
26 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this title, unless the context indicates
28 otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

29 (1) "Public assistance" or "assistance"«Public aid to persons in
30 need thereof for any cause, including services, medical care,
31 assistance grants, disbursing orders, work relief, general assistance
32 and federal-aid assistance.

33 (2) "Department"«The department of social and health services.

34 (3) "County or local office"«The administrative office for one or
35 more counties or designated service areas.

1 (4) "Director" or "secretary" means the secretary of social and
2 health services.

3 (5) "Federal-aid assistance"«The specific categories of assistance
4 for which provision is made in any federal law existing or hereafter
5 passed by which payments are made from the federal government to the
6 state in aid or in respect to payment by the state for public
7 assistance rendered to any category of needy persons for which
8 provision for federal funds or aid may from time to time be made, or a
9 federally administered needs-based program.

10 (6)(a) "General assistance"«Aid to persons in need who:

11 (i) Are not eligible to receive federal-aid assistance, other than
12 food stamps and medical assistance; however, an individual who refuses
13 or fails to cooperate in obtaining federal-aid assistance, without good
14 cause, is not eligible for general assistance;

15 (ii) Meet one of the following conditions:

16 (A) Pregnant: PROVIDED, That need is based on the current income
17 and resource requirements of the federal aid to families with dependent
18 children program: PROVIDED FURTHER, That during any period in which an
19 aid for dependent children employable program is not in operation, only
20 those pregnant women who are categorically eligible for medicaid are
21 eligible for general assistance; ((or))

22 (B) Children residing in the home of a court-appointed legal
23 guardian who are: (I) Under the age of eighteen; or (II) under twenty
24 years of age and full-time students reasonably expected to complete a
25 program of secondary school, or the equivalent level of vocational or
26 technical training, before the end of the month in which they reach age
27 twenty. Eligibility, except the requirement to live with a relative of
28 specified degree, is based on the current requirements of the federal
29 aid to families with dependent children program, and need is based on
30 the current income and resource requirements of the federal aid to
31 families with dependent children program. Assistance shall be provided
32 on behalf of the child or children only;

33 (C) Under twenty years of age and ineligible for aid to families
34 with dependent children solely due to federal age requirements, and are
35 full-time students reasonably expected to complete a program of
36 secondary school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical
37 training before the end of the month in which the person reaches age
38 twenty. For purposes of determining payment amount, the student is
39 considered a member of the aid to families with dependent children

1 household of which the student would be a member but for the federal
2 age requirement. The financial assistance shall also include a portion
3 to meet the needs of the student's needy caretaker relative if the
4 needs are not otherwise considered in an aid to families with dependent
5 children program grant provided to the household;

6 (D) Subject to chapter 165, Laws of 1992, incapacitated from
7 gainful employment by reason of bodily or mental infirmity that will
8 likely continue for a minimum of ninety days as determined by the
9 department(~~(-)~~); or

10 ~~((C))~~ (E) Persons who are unemployable due to alcohol or drug
11 addiction are not eligible for general assistance. Persons receiving
12 general assistance on July 26, 1987, or becoming eligible for such
13 assistance thereafter, due to an alcohol or drug-related incapacity,
14 shall be referred to appropriate assessment, treatment, shelter, or
15 supplemental security income referral services as authorized under
16 chapter 74.50 RCW. Referrals shall be made at the time of application
17 or at the time of eligibility review. Alcoholic and drug addicted
18 clients who are receiving general assistance on July 26, 1987, may
19 remain on general assistance if they otherwise retain their eligibility
20 until they are assessed for services under chapter 74.50 RCW.
21 Subsection (6)(a)(ii)~~((B))~~(D) of this section shall not be construed
22 to prohibit the department from granting general assistance benefits to
23 alcoholics and drug addicts who are incapacitated due to other physical
24 or mental conditions that meet the eligibility criteria for the general
25 assistance program;

26 (iii) Are citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent
27 residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of
28 law; and

29 (iv) Have furnished the department their social security account
30 number. If the social security account number cannot be furnished
31 because it has not been issued or is not known, an application for a
32 number shall be made prior to authorization of assistance, and the
33 social security number shall be provided to the department upon
34 receipt.

35 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a)(i), (ii),
36 and (c) of this section, general assistance shall be provided to the
37 following recipients of federal-aid assistance:

1 (i) Recipients of supplemental security income whose need, as
2 defined in this section, is not met by such supplemental security
3 income grant because of separation from a spouse; or

4 ~~(ii) ((To the extent authorized by the legislature in the biennial~~
5 ~~appropriations act, to))~~ Recipients of aid to families with dependent
6 children whose needs are not being met because of a temporary reduction
7 in monthly income below the entitled benefit payment level caused by
8 loss or reduction of wages or unemployment compensation benefits or
9 some other unforeseen circumstances. The amount of general assistance
10 authorized shall not exceed the difference between the entitled benefit
11 payment level and the amount of income actually received. Payment
12 shall be made within fifteen days of the request.

13 (c) General assistance shall be provided only to persons who are
14 not members of assistance units receiving federal aid assistance,
15 except as provided in subsection (6)(a)(ii)(A) and (b) of this section,
16 and will accept available services which can reasonably be expected to
17 enable the person to work or reduce the need for assistance unless
18 there is good cause to refuse. Failure to accept such services shall
19 result in termination until the person agrees to cooperate in accepting
20 such services and subject to the following maximum periods of
21 ineligibility after reapplication:

22 (i) First failure: One week;

23 (ii) Second failure within six months: One month;

24 (iii) Third and subsequent failure within one year: Two months.

25 (d) Persons found eligible for general assistance based on
26 incapacity from gainful employment may, if otherwise eligible, receive
27 general assistance pending application for federal supplemental
28 security income benefits. Any general assistance that is subsequently
29 duplicated by the person's receipt of supplemental security income for
30 the same period shall be considered a debt due the state and shall by
31 operation of law be subject to recovery through all available legal
32 remedies.

33 (e) The department shall adopt by rule medical criteria for general
34 assistance eligibility to ensure that eligibility decisions are
35 consistent with statutory requirements and are based on clear,
36 objective medical information.

37 (f) The process implementing the medical criteria shall involve
38 consideration of opinions of the treating or consulting physicians or
39 health care professionals regarding incapacity, and any eligibility

1 decision which rejects uncontroverted medical opinion must set forth
2 clear and convincing reasons for doing so.

3 (g) Recipients of general assistance based upon a finding of
4 incapacity from gainful employment who remain otherwise eligible shall
5 not have their benefits terminated absent a clear showing of material
6 improvement in their medical or mental condition or specific error in
7 the prior determination that found the recipient eligible by reason of
8 incapacitation. Recipients of general assistance based upon pregnancy
9 who relinquish their child for adoption, remain otherwise eligible, and
10 are not eligible to receive benefits under the federal aid to families
11 with dependent children program shall not have their benefits
12 terminated until the end of the month in which the period of six weeks
13 following the birth of the recipient's child falls. Recipients of the
14 federal aid to families with dependent children program who lose their
15 eligibility solely because of the birth and relinquishment of the
16 qualifying child may receive general assistance through the end of the
17 month in which the period of six weeks following the birth of the child
18 falls.

19 (7) "Applicant"«Any person who has made a request, or on behalf of
20 whom a request has been made, to any county or local office for
21 assistance.

22 (8) "Recipient"«Any person receiving assistance and in addition
23 those dependents whose needs are included in the recipient's
24 assistance.

25 (9) "Standards of assistance"«The level of income required by an
26 applicant or recipient to maintain a level of living specified by the
27 department.

28 (10) "Resource"«Any asset, tangible or intangible, owned by or
29 available to the applicant at the time of application, which can be
30 applied toward meeting the applicant's need, either directly or by
31 conversion into money or its equivalent: PROVIDED, That an applicant
32 may retain the following described resources and not be ineligible for
33 public assistance because of such resources.

34 (a) A home, which is defined as real property owned and used by an
35 applicant or recipient as a place of residence, together with a
36 reasonable amount of property surrounding and contiguous thereto, which
37 is used by and useful to the applicant. Whenever a recipient shall
38 cease to use such property for residential purposes, either for himself
39 or his dependents, the property shall be considered as a resource which

1 can be made available to meet need, and if the recipient or his
2 dependents absent themselves from the home for a period of ninety
3 consecutive days such absence, unless due to hospitalization or health
4 reasons or a natural disaster, shall raise a rebuttable presumption of
5 abandonment: PROVIDED, That if in the opinion of three physicians the
6 recipient will be unable to return to the home during his lifetime, and
7 the home is not occupied by a spouse or dependent children or disabled
8 sons or daughters, such property shall be considered as a resource
9 which can be made available to meet need.

10 (b) Household furnishings and personal effects and other personal
11 property having great sentimental value to the applicant or recipient,
12 as limited by the department consistent with limitations on resources
13 and exemptions for federal aid assistance.

14 (c) A motor vehicle, other than a motor home, used and useful
15 having an equity value not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars.

16 (d) All other resources, including any excess of values exempted,
17 not to exceed one thousand dollars or other limit as set by the
18 department, to be consistent with limitations on resources and
19 exemptions necessary for federal aid assistance.

20 (e) Applicants for or recipients of general assistance shall have
21 their eligibility based on resource limitations consistent with the aid
22 to families with dependent children program rules adopted by the
23 department.

24 (f) If an applicant for or recipient of public assistance possesses
25 property and belongings in excess of the ceiling value, such value
26 shall be used in determining the need of the applicant or recipient,
27 except that: (i) The department may exempt resources or income when
28 the income and resources are determined necessary to the applicant's or
29 recipient's restoration to independence, to decrease the need for
30 public assistance, or to aid in rehabilitating the applicant or
31 recipient or a dependent of the applicant or recipient; and (ii) the
32 department may provide grant assistance for a period not to exceed nine
33 months from the date the agreement is signed pursuant to this section
34 to persons who are otherwise ineligible because of excess real property
35 owned by such persons when they are making a good faith effort to
36 dispose of that property: PROVIDED, That:

37 (A) The applicant or recipient signs an agreement to repay the
38 lesser of the amount of aid received or the net proceeds of such sale;

1 (B) If the owner of the excess property ceases to make good faith
2 efforts to sell the property, the entire amount of assistance may
3 become an overpayment and a debt due the state and may be recovered
4 pursuant to RCW 43.20B.630;

5 (C) Applicants and recipients are advised of their right to a fair
6 hearing and afforded the opportunity to challenge a decision that good
7 faith efforts to sell have ceased, prior to assessment of an
8 overpayment under this section; and

9 (D) At the time assistance is authorized, the department files a
10 lien without a sum certain on the specific property.

11 (11) "Income"«(a) All appreciable gains in real or personal
12 property (cash or kind) or other assets, which are received by or
13 become available for use and enjoyment by an applicant or recipient
14 during the month of application or after applying for or receiving
15 public assistance. The department may by rule and regulation exempt
16 income received by an applicant for or recipient of public assistance
17 which can be used by him to decrease his need for public assistance or
18 to aid in rehabilitating him or his dependents, but such exemption
19 shall not, unless otherwise provided in this title, exceed the
20 exemptions of resources granted under this chapter to an applicant for
21 public assistance. In determining the amount of assistance to which an
22 applicant or recipient of aid to families with dependent children is
23 entitled, the department is hereby authorized to disregard as a
24 resource or income the earned income exemptions consistent with federal
25 requirements. The department may permit the above exemption of
26 earnings of a child to be retained by such child to cover the cost of
27 special future identifiable needs even though the total exceeds the
28 exemptions or resources granted to applicants and recipients of public
29 assistance, but consistent with federal requirements. In formulating
30 rules and regulations pursuant to this chapter, the department shall
31 define income and resources and the availability thereof, consistent
32 with federal requirements. All resources and income not specifically
33 exempted, and any income or other economic benefit derived from the use
34 of, or appreciation in value of, exempt resources, shall be considered
35 in determining the need of an applicant or recipient of public
36 assistance.

37 (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the
38 option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory
39 awards or related settlements received by an applicant or recipient as

1 income or as a resource, the department shall consider such property to
2 be a resource.

3 (12) "Need"«The difference between the applicant's or recipient's
4 standards of assistance for himself and the dependent members of his
5 family, as measured by the standards of the department, and value of
6 all nonexempt resources and nonexempt income received by or available
7 to the applicant or recipient and the dependent members of his family.

8 (13) For purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance
9 and participation levels in the cost of medical care, the department
10 shall exempt restitution payments made to people of Japanese and Aleut
11 ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian
12 and Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by congress, P.L. 100-383,
13 including all income and resources derived therefrom.

14 (14) In the construction of words and phrases used in this title,
15 the singular number shall include the plural, the masculine gender
16 shall include both the feminine and neuter genders and the present
17 tense shall include the past and future tenses, unless the context
18 thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of three million dollars, or as much
20 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
21 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of social and
22 health services for the purposes of providing medical coverage through
23 the basic health plan to former recipients of aid to families with
24 dependent children whose transitional medical benefits are about to
25 expire.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department shall provide grants to
27 community action agencies to provide job opportunities and basic skills
28 training program participants with transitional support services and
29 job retention services.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Services provided under the jobs opportunity
31 and basic skills training program should contain the following
32 principles:

33 (1) Services should focus on the entire family and seek to empower
34 the family;

35 (2) Families must be involved in all aspects of planning and
36 service delivery;

1 (3) Caseworkers will act as consultants and focus on building on
2 family strengths and cocreating options;

3 (4) Services should strengthen incentives for self-sufficiency and
4 economic independence;

5 (5) Administration of the job opportunity and basic skills training
6 program services should be coordinated with other services to the
7 family;

8 (6) Services should be regionally, culturally, and ethnically
9 sensitive; and

10 (7) Services should be locally planned and involve coordinated
11 delivery at the local level.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The job opportunities and basic skills
13 training program executive committee is hereby established.

14 (2) The executive committee shall consist of seven members as
15 follows: The secretary of social and health services, the commissioner
16 of the employment security department, the senior official from each of
17 those agencies who is responsible for the family independence program,
18 an official of the office of financial management, and two nonvoting
19 individuals who have received public assistance in the past but have
20 subsequently achieved economic independence. The former recipient
21 members of the executive committee shall be selected by the advisory
22 committee. The former recipient representatives on the committee shall
23 hold a term of two years. Terms may be renewed for one additional two-
24 year term. The former recipient representatives shall be reimbursed
25 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 (3) The executive committee shall appoint and consult with an
27 advisory committee of not less than ten or more than twenty members
28 broadly representative of business, labor, education, community,
29 enrollee, civic groups, and the public at large. The membership shall
30 be geographically balanced with one-third of the membership composed of
31 participants or community members. The advisory committee members
32 shall serve terms of two years. In addition, the speaker of the house
33 of representatives and the president of the senate shall appoint a
34 member of each caucus of the legislature to the advisory committee.

35 The initial terms of the advisory committee members shall be
36 staggered in a manner determined by the executive committee. In the
37 event of a vacancy on the advisory committee due to death, resignation,
38 or removal of one of the advisory committee members, and upon the

1 expiration of the term of any member, the executive committee shall
2 appoint a successor from a list supplied by the family opportunity
3 councils for a term expiring on the second anniversary of the
4 successor's date of the appointment, except that vacancies in a
5 position appointed by a legislative officer shall be filled by that
6 officer. Advisory committee members may be reimbursed for travel
7 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

8 (4) If one of the state offices on the executive committee is
9 abolished, the resulting vacancy on the executive committee shall be
10 filled by the state officer who shall succeed substantially to the
11 power and duties of the abolished office.

12 (5) The secretary of social and health services shall serve as
13 chairperson of the executive committee and shall supervise all staff
14 and program functions not under the direct supervision of the
15 employment security department. The commissioner of the employment
16 security department shall serve as vice-chairperson. The executive
17 committee shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the
18 executive committee.

19 (6) The secretary of the executive committee shall keep a record of
20 the proceedings of the committee meetings.

21 (7) Three members of the executive committee constitute a quorum.
22 The executive committee may act on the basis of motions. Motions shall
23 be adopted upon the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of
24 members present at a meeting of the executive committee. A vacancy in
25 the membership of the committee does not impair the power of the
26 committee to act under this chapter. However, in the case of a vacancy
27 in one of the offices which constitutes the membership of the
28 committee, the individual acting in the capacity of that officer shall
29 also act as a member of the committee.

30 (8) The executive committee shall consult with the advisory
31 committee on significant matters before taking action on the matters.
32 Matters of significance include but are not limited to the nature and
33 extent of contracts with private or nonprofit entities, decisions to
34 modify program standards, a right to review and comment upon the job
35 opportunities and basic skills training plans, and all reports
36 submitted to the legislature, prior to their submission. The meetings
37 of the executive committee are subject to chapter 42.30 RCW, the open
38 public meetings act. The advisory committee shall study approaches to
39 allow children in poverty to grow up healthy with self-confidence and

1 the ability to break the cycle of dependence that can result from
2 inadequate nutrition, housing, and other basic needs.

3 (9) The executive committee shall establish a family opportunity
4 advisory council in each of the department's regions to make
5 recommendations on the social services, procedures, and income
6 maintenance operations used in the family independence program. The
7 councils shall also assist in providing mentors, mutual self-help, and
8 information on alternatives to welfare dependency. The councils shall
9 include: (a) Individuals currently receiving assistance; (b)
10 individuals who have received public assistance in the past but have
11 subsequently achieved economic independence; and (c) persons who are
12 board members or employees of nonprofit organizations providing
13 services of the types offered to family independence program
14 recipients, including those with experience in developing self-esteem
15 and individual motivation. A regional advisory council may establish
16 panels representing specific geographic areas within the region.

17 (10) Each advisory council shall nominate three persons from which
18 the executive committee shall elect one person from each region to be
19 a member of the advisory committee. Appointments shall be for a term
20 of two years. Terms may be renewed for one additional two-year term.
21 Three regional appointments shall initially be for a term of one year.
22 The regional representatives shall constitute the consumer and enrollee
23 representatives.

24 (11) Recipients and former recipients may be paid a per diem rate
25 established by the executive committee. Members may be reimbursed for
26 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Recipients
27 and former recipients may also be reimbursed for dependent care
28 expenses required to permit their participation in the family
29 opportunity advisory councils, the executive committee, and the family
30 independence program advisory committee.

31 (12) The department may, within available funds, provide grants to
32 each family opportunity council to assist and support their activities
33 and to assist in the recruitment and training of volunteer mentors.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) The executive committee shall direct
35 the employment security department and the department of social and
36 health services, or the appropriate successor agencies, subject to the
37 provisions of this chapter and consistent with available funds, to do
38 the following in order to accomplish the purposes of this chapter:

1 (a) To carry out and ensure the development of job readiness
2 training, job development activities, subsidize employment in or
3 through public, private, volunteer, and nonprofit agencies, and provide
4 training funds for participants prior to and during employment;

5 (b) To carry out training and education activities as set forth in
6 this chapter;

7 (c) To fund other related family services, including, but not
8 limited to, child care services for participants who participate in the
9 education, training, and work programs authorized by the executive
10 committee;

11 (d) To receive federal and state funds for the jobs opportunities
12 and basic skills training program and to otherwise manage the program
13 so as to operate within legislatively determined funding limitations;

14 (e) To determine the level and types of program benefits in
15 accordance with this chapter, together with specific administrative
16 requirements to be met by program participants;

17 (f) To establish rules for the treatment of earnings and unearned
18 income by participants;

19 (g) To establish administrative sanctions consistent with the
20 criteria set forth in this chapter that may be applied to participants
21 and the conditions under which program benefits may be reduced or
22 terminated;

23 (h) To establish due process procedures;

24 (i) To establish the conditions under which child care and other
25 related social services, including parent education and counseling,
26 will be provided, subject to the following: Any child care provided
27 under this chapter shall be in accordance with statutory child day care
28 licensure requirements;

29 (j) To establish the conditions and terms under which the
30 department may enter into contracts with the public, private, and not-
31 for-profit sectors to provide:

32 (i) Parenting education for parents;

33 (ii) Job readiness training;

34 (iii) Training of state agency employees to work with participants
35 in developing plans for self-sufficiency, that include but are not
36 limited to the employability, training, and education plans;

37 (iv) The development of mentoring programs to provide assistance to
38 current recipients through the use of former recipients; and

1 (v) Facilitation of family opportunity councils in all geographical
2 areas of the state;

3 (k) To establish the terms and provisions under which training and
4 job development services may be extended to the absent parent or
5 parents of the children of participants.

6 (l) To establish the frequency and method for redetermining
7 eligibility, as provided by federal law;

8 (m) To determine methods of administration and do all other things
9 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

10 (n) To develop and distribute client right-to-know information on
11 all program benefits, services, and requirements;

12 (o) To develop locally planned postassessment service delivery
13 systems;

14 (p) To develop procedures for involving executive staff from
15 participating state agencies in staff training; and

16 (q) To develop a case coordinator approach to staffing jobs
17 opportunities and basic skills training program participants.

18 (2) The executive committee with assistance from the appropriate
19 agencies shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW in
20 order to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. Policy decisions of
21 the executive committee that require rule making shall not be final
22 until the adoption of the necessary rules.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** In determining food stamp need and
24 eligibility, the department shall exclude as income the child support
25 exempted by 42 U.S.C. Sec. 657 (b) or 602 (a)(8)(A)(vi).

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** In determining eligibility for the aid to
27 families with dependent children employable program, the department
28 shall allow education to satisfy the federal work quarters requirement.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The department shall provide each school
30 age recipient of aid to families with dependent children with a fifty-
31 dollar school allowance each September.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The department of social and health
33 services and the employment security department shall provide education
34 and training opportunities to all participants pursuant to a
35 coordinated service delivery employability assessment, and shall

1 emphasize efforts that prepare participants for long-term unsubsidized
2 employment and economic independence. The departments shall prepare
3 varying intensities of services based on the participant's
4 employability plan and provide services accordingly.

5 **Sec. 15.** RCW 74.04.300 and 1987 c 75 s 32 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 If a recipient receives public assistance and/or food stamps for
8 which he is not eligible, or receives public assistance and/or food
9 stamps in an amount greater than that for which he is eligible, the
10 portion of the payment to which he is not entitled shall be a debt due
11 the state recoverable under RCW 43.20B.030 and 43.20B.620 through
12 43.20B.645. An overpayment shall not exist if the recurring net
13 nonexempt income of the recipient does not exceed the need standard.
14 It shall be the duty of recipients of either public assistance
15 ((and/or)) or food stamps, or both, to notify the department within
16 twenty days of the receipt or possession of all income or resources not
17 previously declared to the department. The department shall advise
18 applicants for assistance that failure to report as required, failure
19 to reveal resources or income, and false statements will result in
20 recovery by the state of any overpayment and may result in criminal
21 prosecution.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** The sum of three million four hundred
23 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
24 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general
25 fund to the higher education coordinating board for the purposes of
26 increasing enrollment of aid to families with dependent children
27 recipients in institutions of higher education.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The sum of three million four hundred
29 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
30 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general
31 fund to the board for community and technical colleges for the purposes
32 of increasing enrollment of aid to families with dependent children
33 recipients in community and technical colleges.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Sections 2 through 4 and 7 through 14 of
2 this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

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