

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5729**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5729** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senator Rinehart

Read first time 02/10/93. Referred to Committee on Health & Human Services.

1 AN ACT Relating to the family emergency assistance program; and  
2 amending RCW 74.04.660.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.04.660 and 1989 c 11 s 26 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The department shall establish a consolidated emergency assistance  
7 program for families with children. Assistance may be provided in  
8 accordance with this section.

9 (1) Benefits provided under this program shall not be provided for  
10 more than two months of assistance in any consecutive twelve-month  
11 period.

12 (2) Benefits under this program shall be provided to alleviate  
13 emergent conditions resulting from insufficient income and resources to  
14 provide for: Food, shelter, clothing, medical care, or other necessary  
15 items, as defined by the department. Benefits may also be provided for  
16 family reconciliation services, family preservation services, home-  
17 based services, short-term substitute care in a licensed agency as  
18 defined in RCW 74.15.020, crisis nurseries, therapeutic child care, or  
19 other necessary services as defined by the department. Benefits shall

1 be provided only in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the  
2 specific need, subject to the limitations established in this section.

3 ~~(3) ((In determining eligibility for this program, the department  
4 shall consider all cash resources as being available to meet need.~~

5 ~~(4)) (a) The department shall, by rule, establish assistance  
6 standards and eligibility criteria for this program in accordance with  
7 this section. ((Eligibility for this program does not automatically  
8 entitle a recipient to medical assistance.))~~

9 ~~(b) Eligibility standards and resource levels for this program  
10 ((shall be stricter than the standards for eligibility and resource  
11 levels for the aid to families with dependent children program.~~

12 ~~(5)) may be income up to one hundred percent of the federal  
13 poverty level, and may include consideration of resource levels.~~

14 ~~(c) Eligibility for benefits or services under this section does  
15 not automatically entitle a recipient to medical assistance.~~

16 ~~(4) The department shall seek federal emergency assistance funds to  
17 supplement the state funds appropriated for the operation of this  
18 program((~~.—If~~)) as long as other departmental programs are not  
19 adversely affected by the receipt of federal funds ((would require a  
20 reduction of funds available to households not receiving aid to  
21 families with dependent children below the amount of state funds  
22 appropriated for this program, the department may operate a program  
23 utilizing only state funds unless the aid to families with dependent  
24 children additional requirement program is substantially reduced in  
25 scope)).~~

26 ~~((+6)) (5) If state funds appropriated for the consolidated  
27 emergency assistance program are exhausted, the department may  
28 discontinue the program.~~

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