
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2589

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Cooke, McDonald, Bush, Clements and Schoesler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for temporary assistance for needy
2 families; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 As a condition of eligibility for temporary assistance for needy
7 families, applicants shall, at the time of application for assistance,
8 act in good faith to identify both parents of their child or children,
9 whether born or unborn. This condition shall not apply to an applicant
10 if providing the name of a child would be detrimental to the child and
11 the applicant corroborates by birth, medical, child protective
12 services, social services, or law enforcement records that (1)
13 disclosure of the name can reasonably be anticipated to result in
14 serious physical or emotional harm to the child, (2) disclosure can
15 reasonably be anticipated to result in serious physical or emotional
16 harm to the caretaker which reduces the caretaker's capacity to

1 adequately care for the child, or (3) the child was conceived as a
2 result of incest or forcible rape.

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