
SENATE BILL 5751

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By Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Schow and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for public assistance; and amending
2 RCW 74.08.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08.025 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 9 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Public assistance shall be awarded to any applicant:

7 (1) Who is in need and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements
8 of department assistance programs; and

9 (2) Who has not made a voluntary assignment of property or cash for
10 the purpose of qualifying for an assistance grant; and

11 (3) Who is not an inmate of a public institution except as a
12 patient in a medical institution or except as an inmate in a public
13 institution who could qualify for federal aid assistance: PROVIDED,
14 That the assistance paid by the department to recipients in nursing
15 homes, or receiving nursing home care, may cover the cost of clothing
16 and incidentals and general maintenance exclusive of medical care and
17 health services. The department may pay a grant to cover the cost of
18 clothing and personal incidentals in public or private medical
19 institutions and institutions for tuberculosis. The department shall

1 allow recipients in nursing homes to retain, in addition to the grant
2 to cover the cost of clothing and incidentals, wages received for work
3 as a part of a training or rehabilitative program designed to prepare
4 the recipient for less restrictive placement to the extent permitted
5 under Title XIX of the federal social security act; and

6 (4) Who has a custody order or parenting plan or provides evidence
7 of abandonment if married to the other parent and applying as the
8 parent of a needy child unless both parents are applying for benefits.

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