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Sponsor(s): Senator West

Brief Title: Relating to human services.

SB 6098.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the state shall exercise its option under P.L. 104-193 to continue services to legal immigrants under temporary assistance for needy families, medicaid, and social services block grant programs. Eligibility for these benefits for legal immigrants arriving after August 21, 1996, is limited to those families where the parent, parents, or legal guardians have been in residence in Washington state for a period of twelve consecutive months before making their application for assistance.

Provides that qualified aliens and aliens permanently residing under color of law shall have their eligibility for assistance redetermined.

Provides that the department may establish a food assistance program for persons whose immigrant status meets the eligibility requirements of the federal food stamp program, but who are no longer eligible solely due to their immigrant status under P.L. 104-193.