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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Long, Fairley and Stevens

Brief Title: Changing teen parent eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families.

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Declares a concern with the well-being of minor teen parents and their infants and children, including their living situation, and their educational and employment needs. Therefore, the legislature intends that unmarried minor teen parents applying for public assistance meet standards of safety, education, and responsible behavior.

Provides that, in cases where these teen parents are uncooperative with the standards, the minor parent head of the assistance unit and the minor parent's child or children be denied public assistance benefits until cooperation with legal requirements for temporary assistance for needy families for teens is achieved. The legislature intends that, during the period of noncompliance, children of uncooperative minor teen parents be ineligible for assistance, including child-only benefits.