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By Representative Tokuda

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility standards for children under
2 temporary assistance for needy families; and amending RCW 74.12.035.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.035 and 1997 c 59 s 18 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A family or assistance unit is not eligible for aid for any
7 month if for that month the total income of the family or assistance
8 unit, without application of income disregards, exceeds one hundred
9 eighty-five percent of the state standard of need for a family of the
10 same composition: PROVIDED, That for the purposes of determining the
11 total income of the family or assistance unit, the earned income of a
12 dependent child who is a full-time student for whom temporary
13 assistance for needy families is being provided shall be disregarded
14 for six months per calendar year.

15 (2) Participation in a strike does not constitute good cause to
16 leave or to refuse to seek or accept employment. Assistance is not
17 payable to a family for any month in which any caretaker relative with
18 whom the child is living is, on the last day of the month,
19 participating in a strike. An individual's need shall not be included

1 in determining the amount of aid payable for any month to a family or
2 assistance unit if, on the last day of the month, the individual is
3 participating in a strike.

4 (3) Children over eighteen years of age and under nineteen years of
5 age who are full-time students reasonably expected to complete a
6 program of secondary school, or the equivalent level of vocational or
7 technical training, before reaching nineteen years of age are eligible
8 to receive temporary assistance for needy families: PROVIDED HOWEVER,
9 That if such students do not successfully complete such program before
10 reaching nineteen years of age, the assistance rendered under this
11 subsection during such period shall not be a debt due the state.

12 (4) Children with disabilities who are over eighteen years of age
13 and under twenty-one years of age and who are full-time students whose
14 education is being provided in accordance with RCW 28A.155.020 are
15 eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

16 (5) The department is authorized to grant exceptions to the
17 eligibility restrictions for children over eighteen years of age and
18 under twenty-one years of age under subsection (3) and (4) of this
19 section when it determines that such exceptions will facilitate the
20 children's ability to complete their educations and increase their
21 potential to achieve self-sufficiency in the future.

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