

HB 1635 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.04.300 and 1998 c 79 s 7 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 If a recipient receives public assistance and/or food stamps or  
6 food stamp benefits transferred electronically for which the recipient  
7 is not eligible, or receives public assistance and/or food stamps or  
8 food stamp benefits transferred electronically in an amount greater  
9 than that for which the recipient is eligible, the portion of the  
10 payment to which the recipient is not entitled shall be a debt due the  
11 state recoverable under RCW 43.20B.030 and 43.20B.620 through  
12 43.20B.645. It shall be the duty of recipients of (~~public assistance  
13 and/or food stamps or food stamp~~) cash benefits (~~transferred  
14 electronically~~) to notify the department (~~within twenty days of the  
15 receipt or possession of all income or resources not previously  
16 declared to the department~~) of changes to earned income as defined in  
17 RCW 74.04.005(11). It shall be the duty of recipients of cash benefits  
18 to notify the department of changes to liquid resources as defined in  
19 RCW 74.04.005(10) that they believe would make them ineligible for cash  
20 benefits. It shall be the duty of recipients of food benefits to  
21 report changes in income that they believe would make them ineligible  
22 for food benefits. All recipients shall report changes required in  
23 this section by the tenth of the month following the month in which the  
24 change occurs. The department shall adopt rules consistent with  
25 federal law and regulations for additional reporting requirements. The  
26 department shall advise applicants for assistance that failure to  
27 report as required, failure to reveal resources or income, and false  
28 statements will result in recovery by the state of any overpayment and  
29 may result in criminal prosecution.

1        The department shall make a determination regarding eligibility and  
2 notify the recipient within thirty days from the time the recipient  
3 reports a change as required by this section. If the department fails  
4 to notify the recipient within this time frame, the department forfeits  
5 any right to recover the overpayment."

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6        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
7 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.04.300."

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