
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1741

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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi and Walsh; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance for needy families
2 benefits; amending RCW 74.08A.230; adding a new section to chapter
3 74.12 RCW; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.230 and 1997 c 58 s 308 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to their monthly benefit payment, a family may earn
8 and keep (~~one-half~~) up to forty percent of its earnings as set by the
9 department during every month it is eligible to receive assistance
10 under this section.

11 (2) In no event may a family be eligible for temporary assistance
12 for needy families if its monthly gross earned income exceeds the
13 maximum earned income level as set by the department. In calculating
14 a household's gross earnings, the department shall disregard the
15 earnings of a minor child who is:

16 (a) A full-time student; or

17 (b) A part-time student carrying at least half the normal school
18 load and working fewer than thirty-five hours per week.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The department may adopt rules establishing eligibility for
4 temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a child, other
5 than a foster child, who lives with a caregiver other than his or her
6 parents. These rules may include, but are not limited to, establishing
7 income eligibility standards for the child's caregiver up to three
8 hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on family size and
9 establishing a sliding scale benefit standard for a child when the
10 income of the child's caregiver is above two hundred percent of the
11 federal poverty level based on family size.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
14 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
15 and takes effect April 1, 2011.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect November
17 1, 2011.

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