

2SSB 6478 - H AMD 2133

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 2019 c 343 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary
6 assistance for needy families for sixty months after July 27, 1997,
7 shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for needy
8 families assistance.

9 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the
10 department shall count any month in which an adult family member
11 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance
12 grant unless the assistance was provided when the adult family member
13 was a minor child and not the head of the household or married to the
14 head of the household.

15 (3) The department shall adopt regulations to apply the sixty-
16 month time limit to households in which a parent is in the home and
17 ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families. Any
18 regulations shall be consistent with federal funding requirements.

19 (4) The department shall refer recipients who require specialized
20 assistance to appropriate department programs, crime victims'
21 programs through the department of commerce, or the crime victims'
22 compensation program of the department of labor and industries.

23 (5) (a) The department shall add to adopted rules related to
24 temporary assistance for needy families time limit extensions, the
25 following criteria by which the department shall exempt a recipient
26 and the recipient's family from the application of subsection (1) of
27 this section:

28 (i) By reason of hardship, including (~~if the recipient is a~~
29 ~~homeless person as described in RCW 43.185C.010~~) when:

30 (A) The recipient's family includes a child or youth who is
31 without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as
32 described in the federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act

1 (Title 42 U.S.C., chapter 119, subchapter VI, part B) as it existed
2 on January 1, 2020; or

3 (B) The recipient is in need of mental health or substance use
4 disorder treatment; or

5 (ii) If the family includes an individual who meets the family
6 violence options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal
7 social security act as amended by P.L. 104-193.

8 (b) Policies related to circumstances under which a recipient
9 will be exempted from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of
10 this section shall treat adults receiving benefits on their own
11 behalf, and parents receiving benefits on behalf of their child
12 similarly, unless required otherwise under federal law.

13 (6) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or her
14 family from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this section
15 until after the recipient has received fifty-two months of assistance
16 under this chapter.

17 (7) The department shall provide transitional food assistance for
18 a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive
19 temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in
20 sanction status. If necessary, the department shall extend the
21 household's basic food certification until the end of the transition
22 period.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) Annually by December 31st, the department must report to the
26 governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
27 legislature disaggregated data identifying the race of individuals
28 whose temporary assistance for needy families benefits were reduced
29 or terminated during the preceding year due to:

30 (a) Sanction as described in RCW 74.08A.260; or

31 (b) Reaching the sixty-month time limit under RCW 74.08A.010.

32 (2) If the disaggregated data for terminated or sanctioned
33 individuals shows a disproportionate representation of any racial
34 group that has experienced historic disparities or discrimination,
35 the department must describe steps it is taking to address and remedy
36 the racial disproportionality.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
2 2021."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the provision requiring the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to reduce a family's grant after two months, and to terminate a family's grant after 12 months of continuous noncompliance.

 Adds criteria by which DSHS must exempt a recipient from the 60-month lifetime limit for benefits and removes the existing definition of "homeless person" as it relates to time limit extensions.

 Requires DSHS to report disaggregated data identifying the race of individuals whose benefits were reduced or terminated during the preceding year due to sanction or reaching the 60-month limit and describe steps the Department is taking to address and remedy any racial disproportionality.

 Removes the effective date of May 1, 2021, for the Act and adds an effective date of July 1, 2021, for time limit extension policy changes.

 Removes the provision specifying the Act applies prospectively only.

 Removes the null and void clause.

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