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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer, Kagi, Goodman, Orwall, Jenkins, Moscoso, Cody, Farrell, Reykdal, Pollet, Ormsby, Riccelli, Wylie, Ryu, Appleton, Roberts, Fey, Bergquist, and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from the five-year time limit for
2 recipients of the temporary assistance for needy families program;
3 amending RCW 74.08A.010; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 42 s 6 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

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

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

17 (3) The department shall adopt regulations to apply the sixty-month
18 time limit to households in which a parent is in the home and

1 ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families. Any
2 regulations shall be consistent with federal funding requirements.

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

7 (5) The department may exempt a recipient and the recipient's
8 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section by reason
9 of hardship or if the recipient meets the family violence options of
10 section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal social security act as
11 amended by P.L. 104-193. A recipient or the recipient's family may
12 receive an exemption due to hardship if the family resides in a county
13 where the rate of unemployment is ten percent or more.

14 (6) Policies related to circumstances under which a recipient will
15 be exempted from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this
16 section shall treat adults receiving benefits on their own behalf, and
17 parents receiving benefits on behalf of their child similarly, unless
18 required otherwise under federal law.

19 ((+6+)) (7) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his or
20 her family from the application of subsection (1) or (3) of this
21 section until after the recipient has received fifty-two months of
22 assistance under this chapter.

23 ((+7+)) (8) Beginning on October 31, 2005, the department shall
24 provide transitional food stamp assistance for a period of five months
25 to a household that ceases to receive temporary assistance for needy
26 families assistance and is not in sanction status. If necessary, the
27 department shall extend the household's food stamp certification until
28 the end of the transition period.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2014.

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