

AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Lloyd W. Frandsen

AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE SERVICES; AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT EXTENSION; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

35A-3-306, as last amended by Chapter 13, Laws of Utah 1998

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **35A-3-306** is amended to read:

35A-3-306. Limits on eligibility.

(1) For purposes of this section, "battered or subjected to extreme cruelty" is defined in Section 103(a)(1) of P.L. 104-193 or 42 U.S.C. Sec. 608(a)(7)(C)(iii), The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the division may not provide cash assistance to a family who has received cash assistance for 36 months or more.

(3) (a) The division shall count toward the 36-month time limit in Subsection (2) any time after January 1, 1997, during which:

- (i) the parent client received cash assistance in this or another state; and
- (ii) the parent client is disqualified from receiving cash assistance and the parent client's income and assets are counted in determining eligibility for the family in this or another state.

(b) The division may not count toward the 36-month time limit in Subsection (2) or the 24-month time period in Subsection (4) any time during which a person 18 years of age or older received cash assistance as a minor child and not as a parent.

(4) (a) On a month-to-month basis for up to 24 months, the division may provide cash assistance to a family beyond the 36-month time limit in Subsection (2) if:

- (i) during the previous month, the parent client was employed for no less than 80 hours;
- and

(ii) during at least six of the previous 24 months [~~in which the family received cash assistance;~~] the parent client was employed for no less than 80 hours a month.

(b) For up to 20% of the average monthly number of families who receive cash assistance under this part, the division may provide cash assistance to a family beyond the 36-month time limit in Subsection (2):

(i) by reason of a hardship; or

(ii) if the family includes an individual who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty.

(c) For up to 20% of the average monthly number of families who receive cash assistance under this part, the division may provide cash assistance to a family beyond the additional 24-month time period in Subsection (4)(a):

(i) by reason of a hardship; or

(ii) if the family includes an individual who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty.

(d) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), the division may not provide cash assistance to a family who has received 60 months of cash assistance after October 1, 1996.