

1 **WORKFORCE SERVICES - FAMILY**
2 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

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4 STATE OF UTAH

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6 AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE SERVICES; DELAYING THE DATE WHEN THE
7 THREE-YEAR LIFE-TIME LIMIT ON CASH ASSISTANCE BEGINS TO RUN BY SIX
8 MONTHS.

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

10 AMENDS:

11 **35A-3-306**, as last amended by Chapter 13, Laws of Utah 1998

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

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

14 **35A-3-306. Limits on eligibility.**

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

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

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

22 (i) the parent client received cash assistance in this or another state; and

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

25 (b) The division may not count toward the 36-month time limit in Subsection (2) or the
26 24-month time period in Subsection (4) any time during which a person 18 years of age or older
27 received cash assistance as a minor child and not as a parent.

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

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

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

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

37 (i) by reason of a hardship; or

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

40 (c) For up to 20% of the average monthly number of families who receive cash assistance
41 under this part, the division may provide cash assistance to a family beyond the additional
42 24-month time period in Subsection (4)(a):

43 (i) by reason of a hardship; or

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

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

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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