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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the economic assistance reinvestment
2 account; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The economic assistance reinvestment account is created in
7 the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
8 appropriation. Moneys in the account may be expended solely for
9 expanding access to the temporary assistance for needy families
10 program with priority given first to:

11 (a) Those who are homeless as set forth in the federal McKinney-
12 Vento homeless assistance act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11431 et seq.; and

13 (b) Those who are at substantial risk of losing stable housing or
14 housing support services as described in RCW 43.185C.220.

15 (2) Revenues to the economic assistance reinvestment account
16 consist of:

17 (a) Savings to the state general fund resulting from reductions
18 in temporary assistance for needy families caseloads and per capita
19 costs, as calculated and transferred into the account under this
20 section; and

1 (b) Any other public or private funds appropriated to or
2 deposited in the account.

3 (3) (a) The department, in collaboration with the office of
4 financial management and the caseload forecast council, shall develop
5 a methodology for calculating the savings under this section. The
6 methodology must be used for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, and for
7 each biennium thereafter. The methodology must establish a baseline
8 for calculating savings. The savings must be based on actual caseload
9 and per capita expenditures. By December 1, 2020, the department
10 shall submit the proposed methodology to the governor and the
11 appropriate committees of the legislature. The methodology is deemed
12 approved unless the legislature enacts legislation to modify or
13 reject the methodology.

14 (b) The department shall use the methodology established in (a)
15 of this subsection to calculate savings to the state general fund for
16 transfer into the economic assistance reinvestment account in fiscal
17 year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter. Savings calculated by the
18 department under this section are not subject to RCW 43.79.460. The
19 department shall report the amount of the state general fund savings
20 achieved to the office of financial management and the fiscal
21 committees of the legislature at the end of each fiscal year. The
22 office of financial management shall provide notice to the state
23 treasurer of the amount of state general fund savings, as calculated
24 by the department, for transfer into the economic assistance
25 reinvestment account.

26 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits:

27 (i) The caseload forecast council from forecasting the temporary
28 assistance for needy families caseload under RCW 43.88C.010; or

29 (ii) The department from including maintenance funding in its
30 budget submittal for caseload costs that exceed the baseline
31 established in (a) of this subsection.

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