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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 46-294, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 46-294, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 46-294. Duration of assistance

5 A. A needy family is ineligible for a cash assistance grant awarded
6 under this article, except in case of hardship ~~or as provided in~~
7 ~~subsection 6 of this section~~, if any of the following applies:

8 1. The needy family includes a head of household or the spouse of
9 the head of household who has received cash assistance for himself for a
10 total of ~~twelve~~ SIXTY months.

11 2. The needy family includes a cash assistance ineligible parent or
12 the spouse of the ineligible parent who has received cash assistance on
13 behalf of an eligible dependent child for a total of ~~twelve~~ SIXTY months.

14 3. The needy family includes an adult nonparent relative head of
15 household or the spouse of the adult nonparent relative head of household
16 who has received cash assistance on behalf of an eligible dependent child
17 for a total of ~~twelve~~ SIXTY months.

18 B. The time ~~limit~~ FRAME prescribed in subsection A of this section
19 applies retroactively to cash assistance received under this article or
20 the Arizona works program on or after October 1, 2002. The time ~~limit~~
21 FRAME applies regardless of:

22 1. Whether the ~~twelve~~ SIXTY months are consecutive.

23 2. The source of funding for the program.

24 C. The ~~twelve~~ SIXTY month time ~~limit~~ FRAME prescribed in this
25 section does not apply to child only cases.

26 D. In determining the number of months that assistance has been
27 received, the department shall disregard any month during which assistance
28 is received by:

29 1. A foster parent, an unrelated adult or a nonparent relative, in
30 a child only case.

31 2. An assistance unit during the time in which the assistance unit
32 resides on an Indian reservation in which the unemployment rate of the
33 adults residing on the Indian reservation exceeds fifty percent.

34 3. An assistance unit if the cash assistance grant is less than the
35 full monthly amount of cash assistance for which the assistance unit
36 qualifies based on the date of the application.

37 4. An adult recipient who as a minor child was not a head of
38 household or married to a head of household.

39 E. Except in case of hardship ~~or as provided in subsection 6 of~~
40 ~~this section~~, an assistance unit in which any adult or minor parent of a
41 dependent child who is a head of household or married to a head of
42 household has received sixty months of assistance funded in whole or in
43 part by the temporary assistance for needy families block grant in this or
44 any other state or United States territory or from a tribal temporary

1 assistance for needy families program shall not be eligible to receive
2 under any circumstances more than sixty months of such assistance.

3 F. Consistent with the adopted state plan, cash assistance shall
4 terminate on July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026 for any family, without regard to whether
5 the family meets the financial criteria established for a needy family,
6 that has received ~~twelve~~ SIXTY or more months of cash assistance as of
7 that date.

8 ~~G. A needy family may receive cash assistance for an additional
9 twelve months if both of the following apply:~~

10 ~~1. The head of household or other adult household member who is
11 required to participate in the work program is in full compliance and
12 remains in full compliance with all work activity requirements of the
13 program.~~

14 ~~2. Each dependent child in the assistance unit, who is required to
15 attend school pursuant to section 15-803, not including child only cases,
16 has a school attendance record of at least ninety percent unless the child
17 was excused pursuant to section 15-802, subsection D, paragraph 1, 3, 5, 6
18 or 7.~~

19 Sec. 2. Retroactivity

20 Section 46-294, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act,
21 applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2026.