

House Bill 2547

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Denies public assistance to fleeing felons, Class A or B misdemeanants or probation, parole or post-prison supervision violators who are actively sought by law enforcement authorities. Makes exception for public assistance to individual under 18 years of age or public assistance necessary to ensure health or safety of individual under 18 years of age.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to denial of public assistance to individuals fleeing from law enforcement authorities.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 411.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) An individual who is 18 years of age or older is not eligible to receive**
6 **public assistance provided by the Department of Human Services for the benefit of that in-**
7 **dividual during any period in which the individual is:**

8 (a) **Fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the**
9 **law of the place from which the individual is fleeing, for a crime, or an attempt to commit**
10 **a crime, that is a felony or a Class A or B misdemeanor under the law of the place from**
11 **which the individual is fleeing or that, in the case of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor**
12 **under the law of New Jersey; or**

13 (b) **Violating a condition of probation, parole or post-prison supervision imposed under**
14 **federal or state law.**

15 (2) **This section applies to an applicant or recipient of public assistance whom law**
16 **enforcement authorities are actively seeking for the purpose of holding criminal proceedings**
17 **against the applicant or recipient.**

18 (3) **Unless required by federal law, the department may not deny public assistance pur-**
19 **suant to this section that is:**

20 (a) **Paid by the department to meet the needs of an individual who is under 18 years of**
21 **age; or**

22 (b) **Necessary to ensure the health or safety of an individual who is under 18 years of age.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.