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Bill Limiting Welfare Advances In Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - A measure to limit the lifetime cap for welfare benefits to four years has Missouri Senate approval.

Senators on Monday voted 25-8 in favor of the legislation, which would cut a year off the current limit of five years.

The bill would affect recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, which gives money each month to low-income families.

The legislation also would eventually cut access to benefits if parents don't look for work or participate in other work-related activities. Department of Social Services workers would be required to meet with those at risk of falling out of compliance.

Lawmakers voted close to party lines, and Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City was the only Democrat voting for the bill.

The bill now heads to the House.

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