

Questions and Answers

about the new

ANTI-WELFARE LAW

The Anti-Welfare Bill (H.R. 12080) was signed into law by President Johnson on January 2, 1968. It is now Public Law 90-248.

Q WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

A PL 90-248 is a complicated law with many parts. The most important things in it are:

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|  <p>THE FREEZE=
CUT GRANTS
DENY AID</p> | <p>Congress wants to keep welfare rolls from growing. This law tries to "freeze" the number of people on welfare by limiting the number of children the federal government will pay its share of welfare for.</p> |
|  <p>WORK INCNETIVE
PROGRAM=FORCE
MOTHERS TO WORK</p> | <p>Congress wants to make as many mothers as possible go to work. This law will force many mothers to accept jobs or training or be cut off welfare.</p> |
|  <p>FOSTER HOME
SERVICES=TAKE
CHILDREN AWAY</p> | <p>Congress wants to crack down on mothers with illegitimate children. This law encourages welfare departments to place more children in foster homes, take more mothers to court on neglect charges, and also to track down and harass fathers.</p> |
|  <p>EARNINGS
EXEMPTION=KEEP
MONEY YOU EARN</p> | <p>To encourage people on welfare to work this law allows recipients and their children to keep some of the money they earn working full or part-time.</p> |

Q WHEN WILL THE LAW GO INTO EFFECT?

A Each state must change its welfare program to follow this law. This will take some time. Most of these important parts of the law go into effect this July--but states may start these programs sooner. Some states are already beginning to do these things now.