CHAPTER 242.
[S. E. 323.]

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

An Act relating to and providing for aid to dependent children; and amending sections 1, 4, and 6 of chapter 114, Laws of 1937 (sections 9992-101, 9992-104, 9992-106, Remington's Revised Statutes) and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 114, Laws of 1937 (section 9992-101, Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of this act the term "dependent child" means a child under the age of sixteen (16) years or under the age of eighteen years if regularly attending school: Provided, That if the Federal government matches payments for all needy children up to the age of eighteen (18) years, then the term dependent child shall mean a needy child under the age of eighteen (18) years; and who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, or aunt, in a place of residence maintained by one of (or) more of such relatives as his or their own homes. The term "aid to dependent children" means money payments with respect to a dependent child or dependent children.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 114, Laws of 1937 (section 9992-104, Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Aid to dependent children under this Act shall be awarded with respect to a needy child: (1) Who has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding application; or (2) whose parent, or whose relative with whom he lives has re-
sided in the state for at least one year immediately preceding application.

Sec. 3. Section 6, chapter 114, Laws of 1937 (section 9992-106, Remington’s Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. The Department of Social Security, through and by means of the Division for Children, shall have the power to cooperate with the Federal government, its agencies or instrumentalities in developing, administering and supervising a plan for establishing, extending aid and strengthening services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent; to accept custody of children and to provide for the care of children in need of protective services, directly or through its agents; to receive and expend all funds made available through the Department of Social Security by the Federal government, the state or its political subdivisions for such purposes.

Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1941.

Sec. 5. Section 3, chapter 114 of the Laws of 1937 (section 9992-103, Remington’s Revised Statutes), shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Such aid shall be granted as will, when added to the income of the family, provide at least for food, shelter, and clothing, and in any event be not less than seventeen dollars and fifty cents ($17.50) per month for each dependent child.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1941.
Passed the House March 13, 1941.
Approved by the Governor March 25, 1941, with the exception of section 5, which is vetoed.