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By Senator Hochstatter

On page 17, after line 20 of the amendment, after "counseling." insert the following:

**"PART IX: LEARNFARE**

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 30.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW to read as follows:

As a condition of receiving aid to families with dependent children benefits, parents are ultimately responsible and shall be held accountable for their children's school attendance from kindergarten through sixth grade. If a student violates the state's truancy laws during a specified school quarter, the department in consultation with school board, shall require that the parents and the child be assigned to community service for no less than five hours per violation. If the parents or the child do not complete community service, the families grant shall be reduced by \$25 per violation. The department shall establish penalties, sanctions or termination of benefits for additional violations. The superintendent of public instruction and secretary of social and health services shall establish a process for the sharing of information pertaining to student attendance records."

**--END--**

**EFFECT: Penalizes recipients whose K-6 children are truant from school by requiring**

**community service or reduction in monthly grant.**

