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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Tokuda, Ballasiotes, Carrell, O'Brien, McDonald, B. Thomas and Boldt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a job search component within the
2 WorkFirst program; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The WorkFirst program operated by the department to meet the
7 federal work requirements specified in P.L. 104-193 shall contain a job
8 search component. The component shall consist of instruction on how to
9 secure a job and assisted job search activities to locate and retain
10 employment. Nonexempt recipients of temporary assistance for needy
11 families shall participate in an initial job search for no more than
12 twelve consecutive weeks. The recipient's ability to obtain employment
13 will be reviewed within the first four weeks of job search and
14 periodically thereafter and, if it is clear at any time that further
15 participation in a job search will not be productive, the department
16 shall assess the recipient pursuant to RCW 74.08A.260. The department
17 shall refer recipients unable to find employment through the initial
18 job search period to work activities that will develop their skills or

- 1 knowledge to make them more employable, including additional job search
- 2 and job readiness assistance.

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