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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. 104-183 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 the job search component for no more than
12 four consecutive weeks. If a recipient fails to find paid employment
13 during the initial four weeks of the job search component, the
14 department shall assess the recipient pursuant to RCW 74.08A.260. The
15 department shall refer recipients having completed four weeks of the
16 job search component to work activities that will develop their skills
17 or knowledge to make them more employable, including additional job

1 search and job readiness assistance. A recipient's participation in
2 the job search component shall not last longer than six weeks.

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