

2 **SB 5163** - S AMD - 041
3 By Senators Hale and Brown

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.270 and 1997 c 58 s 314 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program
10 components include: (1) Situations where the recipient is a parent or
11 other relative personally providing care for a child under the age of
12 six years, and formal or informal child care, or day care for an
13 incapacitated individual living in the same home as a dependent child,
14 is necessary for an individual to participate or continue participation
15 in the program or accept employment, and such care is not available,
16 and the department fails to provide such care; or (2) until June 30,
17 (~~1999~~) 2001, if the recipient is a parent with a child under the age
18 of one year. A parent may only receive this exemption for a total of
19 twelve months, which may be consecutive or nonconsecutive; or (3) after
20 June 30, (~~1999~~) 2001, if the recipient is a parent with a child under
21 three months of age.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) DSHS shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the
25 implementation of the child care training program authorized for TANF
26 recipients as part of the WorkFirst program, including the number of
27 recipients trained and the number working in child care and early
28 childhood education after completion of the training.

29 (2) DSHS shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 and
30 each year thereafter a comparison of the market rate for infant care
31 and the state rate paid to providers of infant care statewide and by
32 region.

33 (3) DSHS shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the
34 availability, affordability and accessability of child care for infants
35 statewide and by region."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.08A.270; and adding
6 a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW."

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EFFECT: Delays the requirement that the recipient participate in workfirst when their infant is three months old until June 30, 2001. Requires DSHS to report on the implementation of the child care training program for TANF recipients by December 1, 2000. Requires DSHS to report the comparison of state rates paid for infant care and market rates for the same care, statewide and by geographic region. DSHS must report by December 1, 2000 on the availability, affordability and accessability of child care statewide and by region.