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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary assistance for needy families
2 recipients who meet their work activity obligation in licensed child
3 care facilities; adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that welfare reform
7 has increased the demand for accessible and affordable child care. The
8 legislature further finds that there is a shortage of child care
9 providers and facilities. The legislature further finds that
10 recipients of temporary assistance for needy families with young
11 children should be encouraged to provide care for their children while
12 volunteering in licensed child care facilities. The legislature
13 further finds that recipients of temporary assistance for needy
14 families with young children who volunteer in licensed child care
15 facilities will develop positive work skills while developing a healthy
16 and nurturing relationship with their child.

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

1 (1) A recipient of temporary assistance for needy families with a
2 child over three months of age may volunteer to work in a child care
3 facility licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW. Recipients who volunteer
4 for twenty hours per week shall be deemed to have met their work
5 activity participation obligation under RCW 74.08A.260.

6 (2) The volunteer recipient and his or her child shall not be
7 counted for the purpose of determining the licensed capacity or the
8 staff to child ratio of the facility.

9 (3) The facility administrator shall supervise the recipient
10 volunteer and shall report the hours worked to the department.

11 (4) The department shall reimburse the child care facility for
12 children cared for under this section.

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