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By Senators Patterson, Kohl-Welles, Brown, B. Sheldon, Kline, Winsley, Eide, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care access; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 74.08A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that low-income  
5 parents who are attempting to enhance their work skills through  
6 education, while at the same time complying with the work activity  
7 requirements of chapter 74.08A RCW, should be encouraged to pursue  
8 their academic goals. The legislature further finds that persons who  
9 are going to school at the same time as they are engaging in work  
10 activities need assistance in overcoming barriers to further education,  
11 one of which is access to affordable child care.

12 It is the intent of the legislature to support these low-income  
13 working parents by providing them with child care benefits while they  
14 are enrolled in a state technical or community college.

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

17 (1) Persons who are meeting the work activity requirements  
18 stipulated in P.L. 104-193 and this chapter are eligible to receive

1 child care benefits while they are enrolled in a state community or  
2 technical college and meeting the requirements towards completing their  
3 program or degree.

4 (2) The department may, to the extent funds are available, provide  
5 payments under subsection (1) of this section beginning not later than  
6 July 1, 1999.

7 (3) The department may adopt rules to determine eligibility for  
8 child care benefits under subsection (1) of this section.

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