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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5163

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By Senators Brown, Kohl-Welles, Patterson, Wojahn and Eide

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1            AN ACT Relating to the WorkFirst program; amending RCW 74.08A.270;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

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

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

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

3        (1) DSHS shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the  
4 implementation of the child care training program authorized for TANF  
5 recipients as part of the WorkFirst program, including the number of  
6 recipients trained and the number working in child care and early  
7 childhood education after completion of the training.

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

12       (3) DSHS shall report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the  
13 availability, affordability and accessability of child care for infants  
14 statewide and by region.

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