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Brief Description: Changing work requirement provisions for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that each recipient approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families shall be subject to an employability screen as a condition of eligibility. If the employability screen determines the recipient meets the criteria specified in RCW 74.08A.270 for a good cause exemption to work requirements the department shall defer the work requirement under RCW 74.08A.260.

All recipients not deferred shall be placed in the job search component. Failure to participate in the job search component shall result in sanctions as provided in RCW 74.08A.260. If a recipient fails to find employment during the job search component, the department may refer the recipient to those work activities that are directly related to improving the recipient's employability.