

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1144**

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 19, 2002  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2002  
Yeas 33 Nays 15

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1144** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Tokuda, Ogden, Keiser, Cody, Santos, Edmonds, Kenney, Linville, Darneille, O'Brien, Ruderman, Rockefeller, Dickerson, McDermott, Edwards, Conway, Schual-Berke, Jackley, Lovick, McIntire and Haigh)

Read first time 02/11/2002. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the WorkFirst program participation exemption;  
2 and amending RCW 74.08A.270.

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 (1) Good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst  
7 program components include: ~~((1))~~ (a) Situations where the recipient  
8 is a parent or other relative personally providing care for a child  
9 under the age of six years, and formal or informal child care, or day  
10 care for an incapacitated individual living in the same home as a  
11 dependent child, is necessary for an individual to participate or  
12 continue participation in the program or accept employment, and such  
13 care is not available, and the department fails to provide such care;  
14 or ~~((2) until June 30, 1999, if)~~ (b) the recipient is a parent with  
15 a child under the age of one year, except that at the time a child  
16 reaches the age of three months, the recipient is required to  
17 participate in one of the following for up to twenty hours per week:

18 (i) Instruction or training which has the purpose of improving  
19 parenting skills or child well-being;

1        (ii) Preemployment or job readiness training;  
2        (iii) Course study leading to a high school diploma or GED; or  
3        (iv) Volunteering in a child care facility licensed under chapter  
4 74.15 RCW so long as the child care facility agrees to accept the  
5 recipient as a volunteer and the child without compensation while the  
6 parent is volunteering at the facility. The volunteer recipient and  
7 his or her child shall not be counted for the purposes of determining  
8 licensed capacity or the staff to child ratio of the facility.

9        (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent a recipient from  
10 participating fully in the WorkFirst program on a voluntary basis. A  
11 recipient who chooses to participate fully in the WorkFirst program  
12 shall be considered to be fulfilling the requirements of this section.

13        (3) For any recipient who claims a good cause reason for failure to  
14 participate in the WorkFirst program based on the fact that the  
15 recipient has a child under the age of one year, the department shall,  
16 within existing resources, conduct an assessment of the recipient  
17 within ninety days and before a job search component is initiated in  
18 order to determine if the recipient has any specific service needs or  
19 employment barriers. The assessment may include identifying the need  
20 for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, or domestic  
21 violence services, and shall be used in developing the recipient's  
22 individual responsibility plan.

23        (4) A parent may only receive ((this)) the exemption ((for a total  
24 of twelve months, which may be consecutive or nonconsecutive; or (3)  
25 after June 30, 1999, if the recipient is a parent with a child under  
26 three months of age)) under subsection (1)(b) of this section one time,  
27 for one child.

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