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## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3084

State of Washington 58th Legislature 2004 Regular Session

By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, G. Simpson, Chase, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Romero, Morrell, Kenney and O'Brien)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/04.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to assistance for military families; adding a new
- 2 section to chapter 43.330 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 many families of
- 5 Washington national guard are now, due to a parent being activated and
- 6 deployed, forced to manage hardships with fewer financial resources.
- 7 Many families affected by activation and deployment need help meeting
- 8 their basic family needs.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (1) There is established in the department a military family
- 12 assistance program. To the extent of available funds, the department
- 13 shall contract with an existing military family assistance program in
- 14 Washington state that provides emergency grants to families with
- 15 financial hardship due to national guard activation.
- 16 (2) The director shall include provisions in its contracts
- 17 indicating that any military family assistance program that receives
- 18 funds from the department must not engage in discrimination that denies

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- 1 assistance to a family on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual
- 2 orientation, national origin, creed, religion, or presence of a
- 3 disability.

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