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1 AN ACT Relating to priority activities in extended benefit periods;
2 amending RCW 50.20.240; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.240 and 2002 c 8 s 3 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) To ensure that following the initial application for benefits,
7 an individual is actively engaged in searching for work, ((effective
8 July 1, 1999,)) the ((employment security)) department shall implement
9 a job search monitoring program. Except for those individuals with
10 employer attachment or union referral, individuals who qualify for
11 unemployment compensation under RCW 50.20.050(2)(d), and individuals in
12 commissioner-approved training, an individual who has received five or
13 more weeks of benefits under this title must provide evidence of
14 seeking work, as directed by the commissioner or the commissioner's
15 agents, for each week beyond five in which a claim is filed. The
16 evidence must demonstrate contacts with at least three employers per
17 week or documented in-person job search activity at the local
18 reemployment center. In developing the requirements for the job search

1 monitoring program, the commissioner or the commissioner's agents shall
2 utilize an existing advisory committee having equal representation of
3 employers and workers.

4 (2) During any extended benefit period as defined in RCW 50.22.010,
5 the department may: (a) Suspend the job search monitoring program
6 under subsection (1) of this section; and (b) shift funding and staff
7 from job search monitoring activities to eligibility determination and
8 benefit payment activities.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any part of this act is found to be in
10 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
11 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of
12 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the
13 conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the
14 conflict, and the finding or determination does not affect the
15 operation of the remainder of this act. Rules adopted under this act
16 must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the
17 receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal
18 unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or its
20 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
21 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
22 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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