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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5347

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Walsh, Darneille, Zeiger, Rolfes, Sheldon, Angel, and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of work activity for the  
2 purposes of the WorkFirst program; and amending RCW 74.08A.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.250 and 2013 c 39 s 27 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this  
7 chapter, "work activity" means:

8 (1) Unsubsidized paid employment in the private or public sector;

9 (2) Subsidized paid employment in the private or public sector,  
10 including employment through the state or federal work-study program  
11 for a period not to exceed twenty-four months;

12 (3) Work experience, including:

13 (a) An internship or practicum, that is paid or unpaid and is  
14 required to complete a course of vocational training or to obtain a  
15 license or certificate in a high-demand occupation, as determined by  
16 the employment security department. No internship or practicum shall  
17 exceed twelve months; or

18 (b) Work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted  
19 housing, if sufficient paid employment is not available;

20 (4) On-the-job training;

21 (5) Job search and job readiness assistance;

- 1 (6) Community service programs, including a recipient's voluntary  
2 service at a child care or preschool facility licensed under chapter  
3 43.215 RCW or an elementary school in which his or her child is  
4 enrolled;
- 5 (7) Vocational educational training, not to exceed twelve months  
6 with respect to any individual except that this twelve-month limit  
7 may be increased to twenty-four months subject to funding  
8 appropriated specifically for this purpose;
- 9 (8) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- 10 (9) Education directly related to employment, in the case of a  
11 recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a high school  
12 equivalency certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;
- 13 (10) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course  
14 of study leading to a high school equivalency certificate as provided  
15 in RCW 28B.50.536, in the case of a recipient who has not completed  
16 secondary school or received such a certificate;
- 17 (11) The provision of child care services to an individual who is  
18 participating in a community service program;
- 19 (12) Internships, that shall be paid or unpaid work experience  
20 performed by an intern in a business, industry, or government or  
21 nongovernmental agency setting;
- 22 (13) Practicums, which include any educational program in which a  
23 student is working under the close supervision of a professional in  
24 an agency, clinic, or other professional practice setting for  
25 purposes of advancing their skills and knowledge;
- 26 (14) Services required by the recipient under RCW 74.08.025(3)  
27 and 74.08A.010(4) to become employable;
- 28 (15) Financial literacy activities designed to be effective in  
29 assisting a recipient in becoming self-sufficient and financially  
30 stable; and
- 31 (16) Parent education services or programs that support  
32 development of appropriate parenting skills, life skills, and  
33 employment-related competencies.

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