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## SENATE BILL 6747

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to child care access; adding new sections to
- 2 chapter 74.08A RCW; and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that low-income
- 5 parents who are attempting to enhance their work skills through
- 6 education, while at the same time complying with the work activity
- 7 requirements of chapter 74.08A RCW, should be encouraged to pursue
- 8 their academic goals. The legislature further finds that persons who
- 9 are going to school at the same time as they are engaging in work
- 10 activities need assistance in overcoming barriers to further education,
- 11 one of which is access to affordable child care.
- 12 It is the intent of the legislature to support these low-income
- 13 working parents by providing them with child care payments for the time
- 14 during which they are attending a state technical or community college.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 Persons who are meeting the work activity requirements stipulated
- 18 in P.L. 104-193 and this chapter shall receive child care payments for

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- 1 the hours during which they are attending a state community or
- 2 technical college in an effort to earn a one-year or two-year degree or
- 3 certificate.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 The department shall provide payments required by section 2 of this
- 7 act beginning not later than July 1, 1998.

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