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By Representatives Quall, Morris, Ogden, Patterson, Linville, Kessler, Cody, Basich and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to aid to families with dependent children; adding
2 a new section to chapter 74.20A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 74.12 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Unless the context clearly requires
6 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 2
7 through 4 of this act.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of social and health
9 services.

10 (2) "Participants" means recipients of aid to families with
11 dependent children.

12 (3) "Washington work act" means the Washington work pilot program
13 established in section 2 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) In establishing and implementing a pilot
15 program to be known as the Washington work act, it is the intent of the
16 legislature to use the benefits of the job opportunities and basic
17 skills training program to promote greater economic self-sufficiency
18 among families and workers by:

1 (a) Requiring all recipients of aid to families with dependent
2 children in Washington work act counties to participate in the program;
3 (b) Requiring all parents to work to support their families;
4 (c) Ensuring that participants have child care and health care; and
5 (d) Guaranteeing that child support payments will go to working
6 custodial parents and their children.

7 (2) The Washington work act is created as a five-year pilot program
8 in which residents of selected counties shall, in lieu of receiving
9 payments from the aid to families with dependent children program and
10 coupons under the food stamp program, be provided jobs that promote
11 self-sufficiency and encourage independence from aid to families with
12 dependent children.

13 (3) There is no entitlement to assistance under the Washington work
14 act. Assistance shall be provided to eligible individuals who agree to
15 work.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Washington work act shall be piloted in
17 two locations, to be chosen by the department based upon the following
18 criteria: One in a county of eastern Washington and one in a county of
19 western Washington. None of the pilot areas may have an unemployment
20 rate exceeding one hundred fifty percent of the state's average
21 unemployment rate at commencement of the pilot. The department shall
22 give preference to counties demonstrating a desire to participate, and
23 shall attempt to select counties with a reasonable chance to fully
24 implement the Washington work act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** In Washington work act counties, the
26 department shall assess all recipients of aid to families with
27 dependent children and require them to participate in one of the
28 following four program components:

		Basic Income Package	Weekly Work-Week	Program Time Limits
1 2	Unsubsidized Employment	Market Wage plus Food Stamps plus Earned Income Tax Credit	Forty hours per week	None
3	Trial Jobs	Minimum wage plus Food Stamps plus Earned Income Tax Credit	Forty hours per week	Six to nine months per job with a twenty-four month maximum
4 5	Community Service Jobs	Seventy-five percent of the minimum wage plus Food Stamps	Forty hours per week	Six to nine months per job with a twenty-four month maximum
6 7 8	Washington Work Transitions	Seventy percent of the minimum wage plus Food Stamps	Assigned activity hours may vary, and may be less than forty hours per week	Twenty-four month limit; extensions permitted on a case-by-case basis

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20A RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 All child support collected for custodial parents participating in
12 a Washington work act county shall be passed through to the custodial
13 parent.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The monthly benefit payment paid to a caretaker shall not be
17 increased as a result of the caretaker's becoming the biological parent
18 of any additional child or children born more than three hundred days
19 after the day on which the caretaker first applied for assistance under

1 this chapter. The rule against benefit increases provided in this
2 section applies for the forty-two month period the caretaker is
3 eligible to receive full or reduced monthly benefits. Caretakers
4 receiving assistance under this chapter on the effective date of this
5 section shall, for purposes of this section, be considered to have
6 first applied for assistance on the effective date of this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

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