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Brief Description: Making welfare work.

SB 6258 - DIGEST

Declares that it is the public policy of the state of Washington, through its aid to families with dependent children program, to require every able-bodied citizen on aid to families with dependent children to engage in paid or unpaid employment or engage in short-term training directed towards employment, to require accountability of all parents, and to discourage teen pregnancy by unwed parents as an action that is destructive to society.

Provides for the assessment and referral of caretakers who are applicants for assistance to a job-ready target group, a job preparation group, or a young parent target group.

Revises provisions of the job opportunities and basic skills training program.

Provides for caretaker participation in a community service program.

Requires the caretakers to enter into contracts for personal responsibility if not needed in the home.

Places limitations on the duration of monthly benefits to caretakers.

Revises provisions relating to minor parents.

Provides that the parents of an unmarried minor who has a child are responsible for the support of the minor and the child.

Provides for welfare evaluation and effectiveness studies to be conducted on the provisions of the act.

Repeals RCW 74.08.120 and 74.08.125.