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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Tokuda, Ballasiotes, Carrell, O'Brien, McDonald, B. Thomas and Boldt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a job search component within the
2 WorkFirst program; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The WorkFirst program operated by the department to meet the
7 federal work requirements specified in P.L. 104-183 shall contain a job
8 search component. The component shall consist of instruction on how to
9 secure a job and assisted job search activities to locate and retain
10 employment. Nonexempt recipients of temporary assistance for needy
11 families shall participate in an initial job search for no more than
12 four consecutive weeks. If a recipient fails to find paid employment
13 during the initial four weeks of the job search, or if it is clear at
14 any time that further participation in a job search will not be
15 productive, the department shall assess the recipient pursuant to RCW
16 74.08A.260. The department shall refer recipients unable to find
17 employment through the initial job search period to work activities
18 that will develop their skills or knowledge to make them more
19 employable, including additional job search and job readiness

1 assistance. A recipient's participation in the job search component
2 shall not last longer than twelve weeks.

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