

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2901**

Chapter 89, Laws of 1998

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

WORKFIRST PROGRAM--JOB SEARCH COMPONENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the House February 13, 1998  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1998  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 20, 1998

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2901** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

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March 20, 1998 - 5:13 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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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)

Read first time 01/29/98. Referred to Committee on .

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. 104-193 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 twelve consecutive weeks. The recipient's ability to obtain employment  
13 will be reviewed within the first four weeks of job search and  
14 periodically thereafter and, if it is clear at any time that further  
15 participation in a job search will not be productive, the department  
16 shall assess the recipient pursuant to RCW 74.08A.260. The department  
17 shall refer recipients unable to find employment through the initial  
18 job search period to work activities that will develop their skills or

- 1 knowledge to make them more employable, including additional job search
- 2 and job readiness assistance.

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