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Brief Title: Modifying provisions concerning temporary assistance for needy families.

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Provides that each recipient approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families shall be subject to an employability screening after determination of program eligibility and before referral to job search. If the employability screening determines the recipient meets the criteria specified in RCW 74.08A.270 for a good cause exemption to work requirements, the department shall defer the job search requirement under RCW 74.08A.285 and work requirement under RCW 74.08A.260.

Declares that good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components include situations where the recipient is a victim of domestic violence and qualifies for a waiver under the family violence option and not otherwise exempted under RCW 74.08A.010(4); or if the recipient is meeting the work requirements prescribed by federal law and still receiving a grant; or if the recipient is the caretaker or parent of an incapacitated child; or if the recipient is incapacitated; or if the recipient is fifty-five years of age or older and is the grandparent or nonparent relative of the dependent child.