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Sponsor(s): Senators Brown, Kohl-Welles, Patterson, Wojahn and Eide

Brief Description: Modifying good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components.

**SB 5163.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/19/99)

Amends RCW 74.08A.270 pertaining to good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components.

Includes, until June 30, 2001, if the recipient is a parent with a child under the age of one year. A parent may only receive this exemption for a total of twelve months, which may be consecutive or nonconsecutive, or after June 30, 2001, if the recipient is a parent with a child under three months of age.

Requires DSHS to report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the implementation of the child care training program authorized for TANF recipients as part of the WorkFirst program, including the number of recipients trained and the number working in child care and early childhood education after completion of the training.

Directs DSHS to report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 and each year thereafter a comparison of the market rate for infant care and the state rate paid to providers of infant care statewide and by region.

Directs DSHS to report to the legislature by December 1, 2000 on the availability, affordability and accessibility of child care for infants statewide and by region.