

1 **SHB 1144 - H AMD 0202 Withdrawn 2-19-02**

2 By Representative Talcott

3 On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that welfare reform
5 has increased the demand for accessible and affordable child care. The
6 legislature further finds that there is a shortage of child care
7 providers and facilities. The legislature further finds that
8 recipients of temporary assistance for needy families with young
9 children should be encouraged to provide care for their children while
10 volunteering in licensed child care facilities. The legislature
11 further finds that recipients of temporary assistance for needy
12 families with young children who volunteer in licensed child care
13 facilities will develop positive work skills while developing a healthy
14 and nurturing relationship with their child.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) A recipient of temporary assistance for needy families with a
18 child over three months of age may volunteer to work in a child care
19 facility licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW. Recipients who volunteer
20 for twenty hours per week shall be deemed to have met their work
21 activity participation obligation under RCW 74.08A.260.

22 (2) The volunteer recipient and his or her child shall not be
23 counted for the purpose of determining the licensed capacity or the
24 staff to child ratio of the facility.

25 (3) The facility administrator shall supervise the recipient
26 volunteer and shall report the hours worked to the department.

27 (4) The department shall reimburse the child care facility for
28 children cared for under this section.-

29 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Allows Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
recipients with a child over three months of age to meet the work
activity requirement by volunteering twenty hours per week in a

child care facility. Exempts the parent and child from being counted in the staff to child ratio of the facility. Requires the facility administrator to supervise the recipient and report hours worked to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Requires the DSHS to reimburse the facility for children cared for under this provision.