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**SENATE BILL 5794**

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**By** Senators Wood, Quigley, Swecker, Deccio, Hochstatter, Moyer, Strannigan, Schow, McCaslin, West and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to performance audits of job opportunities and  
2 basic skills training program contractors; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 74.25 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.25 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Performance-based contracts with private nonprofit contractors for  
9 job opportunities and basic skills training program services and the  
10 general operation and budget for the department shall be audited by the  
11 legislative budget committee for the period between June 30, 1993, and  
12 July 1, 1997, to determine the effectiveness of programs and services  
13 for aid to families with dependent children, food stamp, and general  
14 assistance programs to assess eligible recipients in returning to work.  
15 The audit shall provide the following information about the  
16 effectiveness of the program and about the job opportunities and basic  
17 skills training program-eligible participants, in addition to any other  
18 information the auditors may provide: The number of participants  
19 participating in at least one hundred twenty hours of job readiness

1 training per month; the number of job placements in full-time jobs as  
2 a percent of program graduates; the average number of hours worked upon  
3 hire; the number as a percent of recipients who held jobs for thirty  
4 days, ninety days, and twelve months; wages of graduates on hourly,  
5 weekly, and monthly basis and number earning more than one hundred  
6 twenty-five percent of the federal poverty level; the number as a  
7 percent receiving earned income tax credit; length of time on welfare  
8 for each stay and over a five-year period, benefits levels of the aid  
9 to families with dependent children, general assistance, and food stamp  
10 recipients; total earnings as compared to welfare benefits while on  
11 public assistance and working and at the time of ineligibility as a  
12 result of excess income; net tax improvement; any additional state and  
13 federal government savings; savings to employers in reduction in hiring  
14 and turnover costs; adult placement characteristics, such as age,  
15 gender, number of children, children under three years of age; criminal  
16 record; education; an estimate of the total number of welfare  
17 recipients who no longer depend on public assistance and who left  
18 public assistance by means of employment; and an estimate of the cost  
19 to the state as compared to private contracts for each job  
20 opportunities and basic skills training program completion, job  
21 placement, ninety-day job retention costs, and the monthly  
22 reimbursement in job opportunities and basic skills program funds.

23 The legislative budget committee shall report its findings to the  
24 governor and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature by  
25 July 1, 1998.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
29 effect July 1, 1995.

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