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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington work opportunities program;
2 adding new sections to chapter 74.25 RCW; creating new sections; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
6 development of innovative, performance-based programs that successfully
7 provide public assistance recipients workplace orientation and
8 placement in long-term, viable jobs are in the public interest. The
9 development of alternative specialized services, beyond those currently
10 offered, will address the specific job placement needs of public
11 assistance recipients.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of sections 2 through
13 4 of this act:

1 (1) "Employee" means a recipient of aid to families with dependent
2 children under RCW 74.08.025 and participating in the program.

3 (2) "Employer" means a private or public employer who serves as the
4 prospective regular employer for participants in the program.

5 (3) "Program" means the Washington work opportunities program
6 created under section 3 of this act.

7 (4) "Vendor" means a private entity providing the recruitment,
8 training, counseling, placement, and retention services.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington work opportunities
10 program is established to foster job training, provide a productive
11 work force for the state, and encourage financial independence from
12 public assistance.

13 (2) The Washington work opportunities program shall be administered
14 by the department of social and health services through contracts with
15 private vendors. The private vendors shall:

16 (a) Recruit employers to participate in the program who agree to
17 employ participants who successfully complete preemployment orientation
18 and the on-the-job training phase;

19 (b) Serve as a resource for potential employers seeking trained
20 employees;

21 (c) Recruit potential employees interested in preemployment
22 orientation and employment;

23 (d) Orient prospective employees participating in the program prior
24 to placement with an employer;

25 (e) Agree to pay the wages of the employee during the first four
26 months of employment at the state minimum wage or above; and

27 (f) Provide support services at least once a week to the employee
28 who is working on site with the employer to insure that the employee's
29 level of work is satisfactory.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Funds authorized under RCW 74.25.010
2 and 74.25.020 shall be paid to the employee through the vendor during
3 the period prior to permanent hiring by the employer.

4 (2) For the services provided as specified in section 3 of this
5 act, a vendor shall be paid, in addition to the work supplementation
6 funds provided in subsection (1) of this section. Payments shall be
7 made in the following increment: (a) Two-thirds of the fee when the
8 employee is hired and placed on the payroll of the employer; and (b)
9 one-third of the fee when the employee hired has remained on the job
10 for a period of two months.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** There is appropriated to the department
12 of social and health services, for the biennium ending June 30, 1993,
13 from the general fund, _____, or as much thereof as may be
14 necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** For the biennium ending June 30, 1993,
16 the payment of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the
17 department of social and health services under the family support act
18 of 1988 shall not exceed one million dollars for the purposes of this
19 act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
21 each added to chapter 74.25 RCW.