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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

8 (1) Many states are currently evaluating and developing new program  
9 directions for the aid to families with dependent children program;

10 (2) The state expects new initiatives from the federal government  
11 aimed at reforming the public assistance system;

12 (3) Washington's family independence program will complete its  
13 five-year demonstration period in June 1993;

14 (4) Current welfare-to-work evaluations and studies emphasize a  
15 strong connection between recent work experience and employability.  
16 Further, studies have found that targeting services to specific welfare  
17 population segments is a cost-effective strategy in successful welfare-  
18 to-work programs;

19 (5) Public assistance programs are more likely to succeed when  
20 expectations are clearly established and the state, service providers,  
21 and recipients work together to develop an employability plan; and

22 (6) The current public assistance system requires a reduction in  
23 grant payments when income is earned. The legislature intends to  
24 create a stronger economic incentive for working while on welfare by  
25 allowing families to retain a greater percentage of earned income  
26 before it results in the reduction or termination of grant benefits.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department shall amend the state plan to  
28 eliminate the one hundred hour work rule for recipients of aid to  
29 families with dependent children-employable. The department shall seek  
30 federal approval for the amendment to the state plan and report on  
31 federal action to the appropriate standing committees of the  
32 legislature by December 1, 1993.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of social and health services  
34 shall design a program for implementation involving recipients of aid

1 to families with dependent children. A goal of this program is to  
2 develop a system that segments the aid to families with dependent  
3 children recipient population and identifies subgroups, matches  
4 services to the needs of the subgroup, and prioritizes available  
5 services. The department shall specify the services to be offered in  
6 each population segment, and not all services shall be available to  
7 each segment. The general focus of the services offered shall be on  
8 job training, work force preparedness, and job retention.

9 The program shall be designed for state-wide implementation on July  
10 1, 1994. Any proposal for implementation may include phasing certain  
11 components over time or geographic area.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The secretary of social and health services  
13 shall appoint an advisory committee to give recommendations and advice  
14 on the design and implementation of the program. The advisory  
15 committee shall consist of no more than fifteen individuals and shall  
16 be composed of representatives from business, the private industry  
17 council, labor, state job placement services, private nonprofit job  
18 placement services, and recipient advocate groups.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of social and health services  
20 shall consider the following in developing the program:

21 (1) An employment incentive program that strengthens the ability of  
22 recipients to reach a level of self-sufficiency as determined by the  
23 department. Aid to families with dependent children grants may be used  
24 to supplement a program participant's wages;

25 (2) Development of a community work program that includes nonpaid  
26 work experience for those persons who are long-term recipients of aid  
27 to families with dependent children;

28 (3) Services that are limited in duration. This limitation shall  
29 be clearly conveyed to program participants;

30 (4) Segmentation of the recipient population based on factors such  
31 as work experience, education level, age of recipient, wage history,  
32 child support history, and length of time the person has been an aid to  
33 families with dependent children recipient;

34 (5) Matching appropriate services to each segment of the recipient  
35 population. The criteria may include an array of services that targets  
36 high cost, intensive services to the least employable groups and low  
37 cost, less intensive services to the most employable groups;

1 (6) Use of contracts between recipients and the department that set  
2 forth employability/self-sufficiency plans and sanctions for  
3 noncompliance;

4 (7) Training and education services for absent parents that  
5 increase their ability to support their children;

6 (8) The elimination of work disincentives for recipients of aid to  
7 families with dependent children;

8 (9) Providing food cash assistance or electronic benefit transfer  
9 in lieu of food stamps; and

10 (10) Appropriate education and training services designed to  
11 promote economic self-sufficiency.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department of social and health services  
13 in consultation with the governor shall determine what statutory or  
14 regulatory waivers are necessary to eliminate barriers to full  
15 implementation of the program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department of social and health services  
17 shall present the proposed program including an implementation strategy  
18 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 15, 1993."

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