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By Representatives Talcott and others

On page 11, after line 9, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW to read as follows:

As a condition of receiving aid to families with dependent children benefits, parents are ultimately responsible and shall be held accountable for their children's school attendance from kindergarten through sixth grade. If a student violates the state's truancy laws during a specified school quarter, the financial grant may be reduced twenty five dollars per day for each day of truancy. The department shall establish penalties, sanctions, or termination of benefits for additional violations. The superintendent of public instruction and secretary of social and health services shall establish a process for the sharing of information pertaining to student attendance records."

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal references accordingly.

<u>EFFECT:</u> Holds parents accountable for their child's school attendance and establishes a financial penalty if the child is truant.