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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance; adding a new section to
2 chapter 74.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department shall provide a nutritional guide to all public
7 assistance recipients. The nutritional guide shall explain good
8 nutrition habits, detail foods within each of the major food groups
9 that are readily available, and detail sample grocery lists that fall
10 within monthly food stamp allocations and meet essential nutritional
11 standards.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
13 shall develop, implement, and obtain all necessary waivers to conduct
14 a pilot program to study the food purchasing habits of food stamp
15 recipients. The program shall be instituted in an area of the state
16 where grocery stores with detailed receipts are readily accessible, and
17 shall include enough participants and be for a period of time
18 sufficient to make a detailed analysis of food purchasing patterns

1 statistically relevant. Food stamp recipients participating in the
2 study shall be required to shop at grocery stores that provide detailed
3 receipts and shall turn in all food receipts prior to receiving the
4 next month's food stamp allotment. All information identifying
5 individual food stamp recipients who participate in the study shall be
6 kept confidential, and participants shall not be penalized as a result
7 of their participation in the study.

8 The department shall prepare a report on the study that details the
9 food purchase patterns of the participants, breaking down purchase
10 percentages within established food groups by percentage of the total
11 food stamp allotment, and determining whether the purchase patterns
12 within the study meet essential nutritional norms. The department
13 shall submit the report to the legislature within three months of
14 completion of the study.

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