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## HOUSE BILL 2821

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- AN ACT Relating to public assistance fraud; adding a new section to
- 2 chapter 74.12 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that fraud involving
- 5 the receipt of public assistance undermines public support for these
- 6 programs and misuses limited state resources. The legislature further
- 7 finds that recipients who legitimately require public assistance are
- 8 unfairly stigmatized because of people who receive public assistance
- 9 through fraud.
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 The department of social and health services shall participate in
- 13 the aid to families with dependent children optional fraud program and
- 14 shall seek the maximum federal assistance available for the program.

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