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1 AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training
2 opportunities for WorkFirst clients; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall appoint a WorkFirst apprenticeship
8 coordinator, whose duties shall be to:

9 (a) Develop and sustain relationships between the department, the
10 business community, and the supervisor of apprenticeship in order to
11 facilitate the creation of apprenticeship opportunities for WorkFirst
12 clients;

13 (b) Work with the business community and the supervisor of
14 apprenticeship to develop preapprenticeship training opportunities
15 which meet the WorkFirst requirements for preemployment training;

16 (c) Ensure that sufficient support services are available for
17 WorkFirst clients who choose to participate in apprenticeship and
18 preapprenticeship training programs;

1 (d) Work with agency staff to integrate information about
2 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training programs into
3 introductory training for new caseworkers and ongoing training for
4 currently employed caseworkers;

5 (e) Work with agency staff to integrate information about
6 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training programs into initial
7 WorkFirst client orientation;

8 (f) Work with agency staff to create written materials regarding
9 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training opportunities to be
10 distributed to WorkFirst clients; and

11 (g) Ensure that department staff are meeting the requirements set
12 forth in subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) Caseworkers providing direct service to WorkFirst clients are
14 required to:

15 (a) Inform WorkFirst clients that apprenticeships qualify as work
16 experience and preapprenticeship training programs may qualify as
17 preemployment training;

18 (b) Inform female WorkFirst clients of apprenticeship and
19 preapprenticeship training opportunities in nontraditional fields; and

20 (c) Encourage WorkFirst clients to pursue apprenticeship and
21 preapprenticeship opportunities, as well as other preemployment
22 training opportunities.

23 (3) The department shall provide information about apprenticeship
24 and preapprenticeship training opportunities:

25 (a) At introductory training for new caseworkers and ongoing
26 training for currently employed caseworkers;

27 (b) At initial WorkFirst client orientation; and

28 (c) In written materials to be distributed to WorkFirst clients.

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