SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6153

-____

State of Washington 62nd Legislature 2012 Regular Session

By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/12.

- AN ACT Relating to school attendance of children whose parents or quardians receive state assistance; and amending RCW 74.08A.410.

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

- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.410 and 1997 c 58 s 702 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The WorkFirst program shall develop outcome measures for use in evaluating the WorkFirst program authorized in chapter 58, Laws of 1997, which may include but are not limited to:
- 9 (a) Caseload reduction;
- 10 (b) Recidivism to caseload after two years;
- 11 (c) Job retention;
- 12 (d) Earnings;

3

- 13 (e) Reduction in average grant through increased recipient 14 earnings; ((and))
- 15 (f) Placement of recipients into private sector, unsubsidized jobs<u>;</u> 16 and
- 17 (g) Enrollment in school and consistent school attendance,
- 18 including in-home schooling situations, by the school-aged children of
- 19 recipients.

p. 1 SSB 6153

(2) The department shall require that contractors for WorkFirst services collect outcome measure information and report outcome measures to the department regularly. The department shall develop benchmarks that compare outcome measure information from all contractors to provide a clear indication of the most effective contractors. Benchmark information shall be published quarterly and provided to the legislature, the governor, and all contractors for WorkFirst services.

--- END ---

SSB 6153 p. 2