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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of work activity for the
2 purposes of the WorkFirst program; and amending RCW 74.08A.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.250 and 2013 c 39 s 27 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this
7 chapter, "work activity" means:

8 (1) Unsubsidized paid employment in the private or public sector;

9 (2) Subsidized paid employment in the private or public sector,
10 including employment through the state or federal work-study program
11 for a period not to exceed twenty-four months;

12 (3) Work experience, including:

13 (a) An internship or practicum, that is paid or unpaid and is
14 required to complete a course of vocational training or to obtain a
15 license or certificate in a high-demand occupation, as determined by
16 the employment security department. No internship or practicum shall
17 exceed twelve months; or

18 (b) Work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted
19 housing, if sufficient paid employment is not available;

20 (4) On-the-job training;

21 (5) Job search and job readiness assistance;

- 1 (6) Community service programs, including a recipient's voluntary
2 service at a child care or preschool facility licensed under chapter
3 43.215 RCW or an elementary school in which his or her child is
4 enrolled;
- 5 (7) Vocational educational training, not to exceed (~~twelve~~)
6 twenty-four months with respect to any individual;
- 7 (8) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- 8 (9) Education directly related to employment, in the case of a
9 recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a high school
10 equivalency certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;
- 11 (10) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course
12 of study leading to a high school equivalency certificate as provided
13 in RCW 28B.50.536, in the case of a recipient who has not completed
14 secondary school or received such a certificate;
- 15 (11) The provision of child care services to an individual who is
16 participating in a community service program;
- 17 (12) Internships, that shall be paid or unpaid work experience
18 performed by an intern in a business, industry, or government or
19 nongovernmental agency setting;
- 20 (13) Practicums, which include any educational program in which a
21 student is working under the close supervision of a professional in
22 an agency, clinic, or other professional practice setting for
23 purposes of advancing their skills and knowledge;
- 24 (14) Services required by the recipient under RCW 74.08.025(3)
25 and 74.08A.010(4) to become employable;
- 26 (15) Financial literacy activities designed to be effective in
27 assisting a recipient in becoming self-sufficient and financially
28 stable; and
- 29 (16) Parent education services or programs that support
30 development of appropriate parenting skills, life skills, and
31 employment-related competencies.

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