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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring that persons with developmental
2 disabilities be given the opportunity to transition to a community
3 access program after enrollment in an employment program; and adding a
4 new section to chapter 71A.12 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Clients age twenty-one and older who are receiving services
9 through a home and community-based medicaid waiver must be offered the
10 choice to transition to a community access program after nine months of
11 enrollment in an employment program, and the option to transition from
12 a community access program to an employment program at any time. The
13 department shall inform clients and their legal representatives of all
14 available options for employment and day services. Information
15 provided to the client and the client's legal representative must
16 include the types of activities each service option provides, and the
17 amount, scope, and duration of service for which the client would be
18 eligible under each service option. An individual client may be

1 authorized for only one service option, either employment services or
2 community access services. Clients may not participate in more than
3 one of these services at any given time.

4 (2) The department shall work with counties and stakeholders to
5 strengthen and expand the existing community access program. The
6 program must emphasize support for the client so they are able to
7 participate in activities that integrate them into their community and
8 support independent living and skills.

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