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1 AN ACT Relating to at-risk citizens; and amending RCW 43.150.080.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.150.080 and 1993 c 365 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 A volunteer organization or individual volunteer may assist a  
6 public agency, with the agency's approval, in a collaborative program  
7 designed to serve the needs of at-risk children or senior citizens.  
8 The center, with the advice and counsel of the attorney general, shall  
9 develop guidelines defining at-risk children and senior citizens and  
10 establish reasonable safety standards to protect the safety of program  
11 participants and volunteers, including but not limited to background  
12 checks as appropriate as provided in RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834.  
13 In carrying out the volunteer activity, the individual volunteer or  
14 member of the volunteer organization shall not be considered to be an  
15 employee or agent of any public agency involved in the collaborative  
16 program. The public agency shall have no liability for any acts of the  
17 individual volunteer or volunteer organization. Prior to  
18 participation, a volunteer and the public agency administering the  
19 collaborative program shall sign a written master agreement, approved

1 in form by the attorney general, that includes provisions defining the  
2 scope of the volunteer activities and waiving any claims against each  
3 other. A volunteer organization or individual volunteer shall not be  
4 liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission arising  
5 from volunteer activities which comply with safety standards issued by  
6 the center for volunteerism and citizen service, other than acts or  
7 omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton  
8 misconduct.

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