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1 AN ACT Relating to court-appointed special advocate programs; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
7 shall distribute such funds as are appropriated for the state-wide  
8 technical support, development, and enhancement of court-appointed  
9 special advocate programs.

10 (2) In order to receive money under subsection (1) of this section,  
11 an organization providing state-wide technical support, development,  
12 and enhancement of court-appointed special advocate programs must meet  
13 all of the following requirements:

14 (a) The organization must provide state-wide support, development,  
15 and enhancement of court-appointed special advocate programs that offer  
16 guardian ad litem services as provided in RCW 26.12.175, 26.44.053, and  
17 13.34.100;

18 (b) All guardians ad litem working under court-appointed special  
19 advocate programs supported, developed, or enhanced by the organization

1 must be volunteers and may not receive payment for services rendered  
2 pursuant to the program. The organization may include paid positions  
3 that are exclusively administrative in nature, in keeping with the  
4 scope and purpose of this section; and

5 (c) The organization providing state-wide technical support,  
6 development, and enhancement of court-appointed special advocate  
7 programs must be a public benefit nonprofit corporation as defined in  
8 RCW 24.03.490.

9 (3) If more than one organization is eligible to receive money  
10 under this section, the department shall develop criteria for  
11 allocation of appropriated money among the eligible organizations.

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