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1 AN ACT Relating to the funding of juvenile violence prevention
2 programs; amending RCW 70.190.100; adding a new section to chapter
3 43.88 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 70.190 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 For every dollar appropriated by the legislature after January 1,
8 1996, in the capital budget for the purpose of constructing new state-
9 operated juvenile detention facilities, the legislature shall, in the
10 operating budget, direct the state treasurer to transfer one dollar
11 from the state general fund to the juvenile violence prevention account
12 created in section 2 of this act. For the purposes of this section,
13 constructing new state-operated juvenile facilities means the
14 construction of a new facility, expansion of a current facility, or
15 major renovation of an existing facility for the primary purpose of
16 expanding capacity.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.190 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 The juvenile violence prevention account is created in the custody
2 of the state treasurer. All moneys transferred under the authority of
3 section 1 of this act shall be deposited into the account.
4 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes under
5 section 3 of this act. Only the secretary of the department of social
6 and health services or the secretary's designee may authorize
7 expenditures from the account. Decisions to authorize expenditures
8 shall be based on the funding decisions of the family policy council.
9 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
10 but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.190 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Unobligated funds in the juvenile violence prevention account are
14 available only upon application to the council. The application shall
15 identify the programs and a plan for expenditure of the funds. Only a
16 program that is: (1) Targeted at reducing risk factors associated with
17 the entry of youth into the juvenile justice system; (2) a new program
18 or an expansion of an already existing program; and (3) grounded in
19 research and aimed at reducing these risk factors is eligible for
20 funding from this account. Any grants funded in whole or in part from
21 this account must be for three years or less. The grant shall decline
22 by at least ten percent between the first and second year and by at
23 least an additional ten percent between the second and third year to
24 encourage local ownership. A portion of the grant must be identified
25 and utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of the program funded by the
26 grant. Preference in awarding the grants will be given to local,
27 community-based programs emphasizing a collaborative approach. This
28 section does not require the networks to participate in these programs
29 or utilize any funds from this account.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.190.100 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 307 are each amended
31 to read as follows:

32 The family policy council shall:

33 (1) Establish network boundaries no later than July 1, 1994. There
34 is a presumption that no county may be divided between two or more
35 community networks and no network shall have fewer than forty thousand
36 population. When approving multicounty networks, considering dividing
37 a county between networks, or creating a network with a population of

1 less than forty thousand, the council must consider: (a) Common
2 economic, geographic, and social interests; (b) historical and existing
3 shared governance; and (c) the size and location of population centers.
4 Individuals and groups within any area shall be given ample opportunity
5 to propose network boundaries in a manner designed to assure full
6 consideration of their expressed wishes;

7 (2) Develop a technical assistance and training program to assist
8 communities in creating and developing community networks and
9 comprehensive plans;

10 (3) Approve the structure, purpose, goals, plan, and performance
11 measurements of each community network;

12 (4) Identify all prevention and early intervention programs and
13 funds, including all programs funded under RCW 69.50.520, in addition
14 to the programs set forth in RCW 70.190.110, which could be
15 transferred, in all or part, to the community networks, and report
16 their findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature
17 regarding any appropriate program transfers by January 1 of each year;

18 (5) Reward community networks that show exceptional success as
19 provided in RCW 43.41.195;

20 (6) Seek every opportunity to maximize federal and other funding
21 that is consistent with the plans approved by the council for the
22 purpose and goals of this chapter;

23 (7) Review the state-funded out-of-home placement rate before the
24 end of each contract to determine whether the region has sufficiently
25 reduced the rate. If the council determines that there has not been a
26 sufficient reduction in the rate, it may reduce the immediately
27 succeeding grant to the network;

28 (8)(a) The council shall monitor the implementation of programs
29 contracted by participating state agencies by reviewing periodic
30 reports on the extent to which services were delivered to intended
31 populations, the quality of services, and the extent to which service
32 outcomes were achieved at the conclusion of service interventions.
33 This monitoring shall include provision for periodic feedback to
34 community networks;

35 (b) The legislature intends that this monitoring be used by the
36 Washington state institute for public policy, together with public
37 health data on at-risk behaviors and risk and protective factors, to
38 produce an external evaluation of the effectiveness of the networks and
39 their programs. For this reason, and to conserve public funds, the

1 council shall not conduct or contract for the conduct of control group
2 studies, quasi-experimental design studies, or other analysis efforts
3 to attempt to determine the impact of network programs on at-risk
4 behaviors or risk and protective factors; ((and))

5 (9) Review the implementation of chapter 7, Laws of 1994 sp. sess.
6 and report its recommendations to the legislature annually. The report
7 shall use measurable performance standards to evaluate the
8 implementation; and

9 (10) Solicit, review, and approve or disapprove grant proposals
10 received in accordance with section 3 of this act. The council shall
11 solicit and consider recommendations from the networks prior to
12 awarding any grant.

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