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By Senator Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile court quality assurance services;
2 amending RCW 13.40.510, 13.40.520, 13.40.530, and 13.40.540; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** To maximize the benefits to the public,
6 state government should be operated in an efficient and effective
7 manner. The purpose of this act is to transfer quality assurance
8 activities and responsibilities for programs funded under RCW 13.40.500
9 et seq. from the department of social and health services juvenile
10 rehabilitation administration to the administrative office of the
11 courts. The administrative office of the courts operates the
12 Washington state center for court research which has the experience and
13 expertise to align quality assurance activities and program outcome
14 measurements. This move will allow for the efficient and cost-
15 effective management of quality assurance activities and program
16 outcome measurements at the state level. This move will also promote
17 individual program level improvements in juvenile courts, allowing
18 juvenile courts to more closely match individual offenders, programs,

1 and counselors for the most effective outcomes for individual juvenile
2 offenders.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.40.510 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 62 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) In order to receive funds under RCW 13.40.500 through
6 13.40.540, local governments may, through their respective agencies
7 that administer funding for consolidated juvenile services, submit
8 proposals that establish community juvenile accountability programs
9 within their communities. These proposals must be submitted to the
10 juvenile rehabilitation administration of the department of social and
11 health services and the administrative office of the courts for
12 certification.

13 (2) The proposals must:

14 (a) Demonstrate that the proposals were developed with the input of
15 the local law and justice councils established under RCW 72.09.300;

16 (b) Describe how local community groups or members are involved in
17 the implementation of the programs funded under RCW 13.40.500 through
18 13.40.540;

19 (c) Include a description of how the grant funds will contribute to
20 the expected outcomes of the program and the reduction of youth
21 violence and juvenile crime in their community. Data approaches are
22 not required to be replicated if the networks have information that
23 addresses risks in the community for juvenile offenders.

24 (3) A local government receiving a grant under this section shall
25 agree that any funds received must be used efficiently to encourage the
26 use of community-based programs that reduce the reliance on secure
27 confinement as the sole means of holding juvenile offenders accountable
28 for their crimes. The local government shall also agree to account for
29 the expenditure of all funds received under the grant and to submit to
30 audits for compliance with the grant criteria developed under RCW
31 13.40.520.

32 (4) The juvenile rehabilitation administration(~~(, in consultation~~
33 ~~with))~~ and the administrative office of the courts, in consultation
34 with the Washington association of juvenile court administrators (~~and~~
35 ~~the state law and justice advisory council)), shall establish
36 guidelines for programs that may be funded under RCW 13.40.500 through
37 13.40.540. The guidelines must:~~

- 1 (a) Target diverted and adjudicated juvenile offenders;
- 2 (b) Include assessment methods to determine services, programs, and
3 intervention strategies most likely to change behaviors and norms of
4 juvenile offenders;
- 5 (c) Provide maximum structured supervision in the community.
6 Programs should use natural surveillance and community guardians such
7 as employers, relatives, teachers, clergy, and community mentors to the
8 greatest extent possible;
- 9 (d) Promote good work ethic values and educational skills and
10 competencies necessary for the juvenile offender to function
11 effectively and positively in the community;
- 12 (e) Maximize the efficient delivery of treatment services aimed at
13 reducing risk factors associated with the commission of juvenile
14 offenses;
- 15 (f) Maximize the reintegration of the juvenile offender into the
16 community upon release from confinement;
- 17 (g) Maximize the juvenile offender's opportunities to make full
18 restitution to the victims and amends to the community;
- 19 (h) Support and encourage increased court discretion in imposing
20 community-based intervention strategies;
- 21 (i) Be compatible with research that shows which prevention and
22 early intervention strategies work with juvenile offenders;
- 23 (j) Be outcome-based in that it describes what outcomes will be
24 achieved or what outcomes have already been achieved;
- 25 (k) Include an evaluation component; and
- 26 (l) Recognize the diversity of local needs.
- 27 ~~((5) The state law and justice advisory council may provide
28 support and technical assistance to local governments for training and
29 education regarding community based prevention and intervention
30 strategies.))~~

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.40.520 and 1997 c 338 s 62 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) The state may make grants to local governments for the
34 provision of community-based programs for juvenile offenders. The
35 grants must be made under a grant formula developed by the juvenile
36 rehabilitation administration and the administrative office of the

1 courts, in consultation with the Washington association of juvenile
2 court administrators.

3 (2) Upon certification by the juvenile rehabilitation
4 administration and the administrative office of the courts that a
5 proposal satisfies the application and selection criteria, grant funds
6 will be distributed to the local government agency that administers
7 funding for consolidated juvenile services.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.40.530 and 1997 c 338 s 63 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 The legislature recognizes the importance of evaluation and outcome
11 measurements of programs serving juvenile offenders in order to ensure
12 cost-effective use of public funds.

13 (1) The Washington state institute for public policy shall develop
14 standards for measuring the effectiveness of juvenile accountability
15 programs established and approved under RCW 13.40.510. The standards
16 must be developed and presented to the governor and legislature not
17 later than January 1, 1998. The standards must include methods for
18 measuring success factors following intervention. Success factors
19 include, but are not limited to, continued use of alcohol or controlled
20 substances, arrests, violations of terms of community supervision,
21 convictions for subsequent offenses, and restitution to victims.

22 (2) The administrative office of the courts, in consultation with
23 the Washington association of juvenile court administrators, shall
24 establish a state quality assurance program, and shall monitor the
25 implementation of programs that may be funded under RCW 13.40.500
26 through 13.40.540 and evaluate adherence to program model design and
27 program model outcomes based on approved guidelines set forth under RCW
28 13.40.510.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.40.540 and 1997 c 338 s 64 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) Each community juvenile accountability program approved and
32 funded under RCW 13.40.500 through 13.40.540 shall comply with the
33 information collection requirements in subsection (2) of this section
34 and the reporting requirements in subsection (3) of this section.

35 (2) The information collected by each community juvenile
36 accountability program must include, at a minimum for each juvenile

1 participant: (a) The name, date of birth, gender, social security
2 number, and, when available, the juvenile information system (JUVIS)
3 control number; (b) an initial intake assessment of each juvenile
4 participating in the program; (c) a list of all juveniles who completed
5 the program; and (d) an assessment upon completion or termination of
6 each juvenile, including outcomes and, where applicable, reasons for
7 termination.

8 (3) The (~~juvenile rehabilitation administration~~) administrative
9 office of the courts shall annually compile the data and report to the
10 legislature on: (a) The programs funded under RCW 13.40.500 through
11 13.40.540; (b) the total cost for each funded program and cost per
12 juvenile; (~~and~~) (c) the essential elements of the program; (d)
13 program outcomes; and (e) recommendations regarding program
14 development.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If specific funding for the purposes of this
16 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
17 June 30, 2012, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
18 void.

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