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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is an
8 urgent and substantial need to:

9 (1) Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with
10 disabilities in the state of Washington in order to minimize
11 developmental delay and maximize individual potential and enhance the
12 capability of families to meet the needs of their infants and toddlers
13 with disabilities and maintain family integrity;

14 (2) Coordinate and enhance the state's existing early intervention
15 services to ensure a state-wide, community-based, coordinated,
16 interagency program of early intervention services for infants and
17 toddlers with disabilities and their families; and

18 (3) Facilitate the coordination of payment for early intervention
19 services from federal, state, local, and private sources including
20 public and private insurance coverage."

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of implementing this
22 chapter, the governor shall appoint a state birth-to-six interagency
23 coordinating council and ensure that state agencies involved in the
24 provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants
25 and toddlers with disabilities and their families shall coordinate and
26 collaborate in the planning and delivery of such services.

1 No state or local agency currently providing early intervention
2 services to infants and toddlers with disabilities may use funds
3 appropriated for early intervention services for infants and toddlers
4 with disabilities to supplant funds from other sources.

5 All state and local agencies shall ensure that the implementation
6 of this chapter will not cause any interruption in existing early
7 intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

8 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the
9 restriction or reduction of eligibility under Title V of the Social
10 Security Act, P.L. 90-248, relating to maternal and child health or
11 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, P.L. 89-97, relating to medicaid
12 for infants and toddlers with disabilities."

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** State and local agencies or entities
14 receiving public money for providing or paying for early intervention
15 services shall enter into formal interagency agreements that define
16 their relationships and financial responsibilities to provide services
17 within each county. The interagency agreements shall include
18 procedures for resolving disputes, provisions for establishing
19 maintenance of effort requirements, and all additional components
20 necessary to ensure collaboration and coordination."

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state birth-to-six interagency
22 coordinating council shall identify and work with county early
23 childhood interagency coordinating councils to coordinate and enhance
24 existing early intervention services and assist each community to meet
25 the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their
26 families."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "toddlers;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title 70
8 RCW."