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SENATE BILL 5495

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By Senator Talmadge.

Read first time February 4, 1991. Referred to Committee on Children & Family Services.

1 AN ACT Relating to long-term care of children; creating a new  
2 section; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health  
5 services shall contract, through the request for proposal process, with  
6 an independent qualified agency to establish, as a pilot project, two  
7 facilities for the long-term care of children. Placement in such  
8 facilities shall be an alternative to foster care for children, twelve  
9 through eighteen years old, who have failed three or more out-of-home  
10 placements and for whom adoption is not likely or appropriate. The  
11 facilities are not intended to provide in-patient care for children who  
12 are experiencing acute or severe psychiatric impairments. The  
13 facilities shall be semisecure and each may provide care for up to  
14 sixteen children. The duration of the pilot project shall be two  
15 years.

1       The legislative budget committee shall evaluate the effectiveness  
2 of the facilities operated under the pilot project and shall submit the  
3 evaluation to appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31,  
4 1991.

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**       The sum of two million four hundred ten  
6 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
7 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general  
8 fund to the department of social and health services for the purposes  
9 of this act. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unexpended on  
10 June 30, 1993, are hereby reappropriated to the department of social  
11 and health services for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, for the  
12 purposes of this act.

13       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**       This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
16 effect immediately.