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I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6428** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** Senate Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Stratton and Oke; by request of Dept. of Social and Health Services, Department of Health, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Community Development and Employment Security Department)

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1            AN ACT Relating to at-risk families; amending RCW 28A.300.040,  
2 43.63A.065, and 43.70.020; adding new sections to chapter 74.14A RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 50.08 RCW; adding new chapters to Title 70 RCW; creating new  
5 sections; and providing an effective date.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that a primary  
8 goal of public involvement in the lives of children has been to  
9 strengthen the family unit.

10           However, the legislature recognizes that traditional two-parent  
11 families with one parent routinely at home are now in the minority. In  
12 addition, extended family and natural community supports have eroded  
13 drastically. The legislature recognizes that public policy assumptions  
14 must be altered to account for this new social reality. Public effort

1 must be redirected to expand, support, strengthen, and help refashion  
2 family and community associations to care for children.

3 The legislature finds that a broad variety of services for children  
4 and families has been independently designed over the years and that  
5 the coordination and cost-effectiveness of these services will be  
6 enhanced through the adoption of a common approach to their delivery.  
7 The legislature further finds that the most successful programs for  
8 reaching and working with at-risk families and children treat  
9 individuals' problems in the context of the family, offer a broad  
10 spectrum of services, are flexible in the use of program resources, and  
11 use staff who are trained in crossing traditional program categories in  
12 order to broker services necessary to fully meet a family's needs.

13 The legislature further finds that eligibility criteria,  
14 expenditure restrictions, and reporting requirements of state and  
15 federal categorical programs often create barriers toward the effective  
16 use of resources for addressing the multiple problems of at-risk  
17 families and children.

18 The purposes of this chapter are (1) to modify public policy and  
19 programs to empower communities to support and respond to the needs of  
20 individual families and children and (2) to improve the responsiveness  
21 of services for children and families at risk by facilitating greater  
22 coordination and flexibility in the use of funds by state and local  
23 service agencies.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.14A RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 To update, specify, and expand the policy stated in RCW 74.14A.020,  
27 the following is declared:

28 It is the policy of the state of Washington to promote:

29 (1) Family-oriented services and supports that:

1 (a) Respond to the changing nature of families; and  
2 (b) Respond to what individuals and families say they need, and  
3 meet those needs in a way that maintains their dignity and respects  
4 their choices;

5 (2) Culturally relevant services and supports that:

6 (a) Explicitly recognize the culture and beliefs of each family and  
7 use these as resources on behalf of the family;

8 (b) Provide equal access to culturally unique communities in  
9 planning and programs, and day-to-day work, and actively address  
10 instances where clearly disproportionate needs exist; and

11 (c) Enhance every culture's ability to achieve self-sufficiency and  
12 contribute in a productive way to the larger community;

13 (3) Coordinated services that:

14 (a) Develop strategies and skills for collaborative planning,  
15 problem solving, and service delivery;

16 (b) Encourage coordination and innovation by providing both formal  
17 and informal ways for people to communicate and collaborate in planning  
18 and programs;

19 (c) Allow clients, vendors, community people, and other agencies to  
20 creatively provide the most effective, responsive, and flexible  
21 services; and

22 (d) Commit to an open exchange of skills and information; and  
23 expect people throughout the system to treat each other with respect,  
24 dignity, and understanding;

25 (4) Locally planned services and supports that:

26 (a) Operate on the belief that each community has special  
27 characteristics, needs, and strengths;

28 (b) Include a cross-section of local community partners from the  
29 public and private sectors, in the planning and delivery of services  
30 and supports; and

1 (c) Support these partners in addressing the needs of their  
2 communities through both short-range and long-range planning and in  
3 establishing priorities within state and federal standards;

4 (5) Community-based prevention that encourages and supports state  
5 residents to create positive conditions in their communities to promote  
6 the well-being of families and reduce crises and the need for future  
7 services;

8 (6) Outcome-based services and supports that:

9 (a) Include a fair and realistic system for measuring both short-  
10 range and long-range progress and determining whether efforts make a  
11 difference;

12 (b) Use outcomes and indicators that reflect the goals that  
13 communities establish for themselves and their children;

14 (c) Work towards these goals and outcomes at all staff levels and  
15 in every agency; and

16 (d) Provide a mechanism for informing the development of program  
17 policies;

18 (7) Customer service that:

19 (a) Provides a climate that empowers staff to deliver quality  
20 programs and services;

21 (b) Is provided by courteous, sensitive, and competent  
22 professionals; and

23 (c) Upholds the dignity and respect of individuals and families by  
24 providing appropriate staff recognition, information, training, skills,  
25 and support;

26 (8) Creativity that:

27 (a) Increases the flexibility of funding and programs to promote  
28 innovation in planning, development, and provision of quality services;  
29 and

1 (b) Simplifies and reduces or eliminates rules that are barriers to  
2 coordination and quality services.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Unless the context clearly requires  
4 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
5 chapter.

6 (1) "Comprehensive plan" means a two-year plan that examines  
7 available resources and unmet needs for a county or multicounty area,  
8 barriers that limit the effective use of resources, and a plan to  
9 address these issues that is broadly supported.

10 (2) "Participating state agencies" means the office of the  
11 superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and  
12 health services, the department of health, the employment security  
13 department, the department of community development, and such other  
14 departments as may be specifically designated by the governor.

15 (3) "Family policy council" or "council" means the superintendent  
16 of public instruction, the secretary of social and health services, the  
17 secretary of health, the commissioner of the employment security  
18 department, and the director of the department of community development  
19 or their designees, one legislator from each caucus of the senate and  
20 house of representatives, and one representative of the governor.

21 (4) "Outcome based" means defined and measurable outcomes and  
22 indicators that make it possible for communities to evaluate progress  
23 in meeting their goals and whether systems are fulfilling their  
24 responsibilities.

25 (5) "Matching funds" means an amount no less than twenty-five  
26 percent of the amount budgeted for a consortium's project. Up to half  
27 of the consortium's matching funds may be in-kind goods and services.  
28 Funding sources allowable for match include appropriate federal or

1 local levy funds, private charitable funding, and other charitable  
2 giving. Basic education funds shall not be used as a match.

3 (6) "Consortium" means a diverse group of individuals that includes  
4 at least representatives of local service providers, service  
5 recipients, local government administering or funding children or  
6 family service programs, participating state agencies, school  
7 districts, existing children's commissions, ethnic and racial minority  
8 populations, and other interested persons organized for the purpose of  
9 designing and providing collaborative and coordinated services under  
10 this chapter. Consortiums shall represent a county, multicounty, or  
11 municipal service area. In addition, consortiums may represent Indian  
12 tribes applying either individually or collectively.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** To the extent that any power or duty of  
14 the council created according to this act may duplicate efforts of  
15 existing councils, commissions, advisory committees, or other entities,  
16 the governor is authorized to take necessary actions to eliminate such  
17 duplication. This shall include authority to consolidate similar  
18 councils or activities in a manner consistent with the goals of this  
19 act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The family policy council shall  
21 annually solicit from consortiums proposals to facilitate greater  
22 flexibility, coordination, and responsiveness of services at the  
23 community level. The council shall consider such proposals only if:

24 (a) A comprehensive plan has been prepared by the consortium; and

25 (b) The consortium has identified and agreed to contribute matching  
26 funds as specified in section 3 of this act; and

27 (c) An interagency agreement has been prepared by the family policy  
28 council and the participating local service and support agencies that

1 governs the use of funds, specifies the relationship of the project to  
2 the principles listed in section 2 of this act, and identifies specific  
3 outcomes and indicators; and

4 (d) Funds are to be used to provide support or services needed to  
5 implement a family's or child's case plan that are not otherwise  
6 adequately available through existing categorical services or community  
7 programs;

8 (e) The consortium has provided written agreements that identify a  
9 lead agency that will assume fiscal and programmatic responsibility for  
10 the project, and identify participants in a consortium council with  
11 broad participation and that shall have responsibility for ensuring  
12 effective coordination of resources; and

13 (f) The consortium has designed into its comprehensive plan  
14 standards for accountability. Accountability standards include, but  
15 are not limited to, the public hearing process eliciting public comment  
16 about the appropriateness of the proposed comprehensive plan. The  
17 consortium must submit reports to the family policy council outlining  
18 the public response regarding the appropriateness and effectiveness of  
19 the comprehensive plan.

20 (2) The family policy council may submit a prioritized list of  
21 projects recommended for funding in the governor's budget document.

22 (3) The participating state agencies shall identify funds to  
23 implement the proposed projects from budget requests or existing  
24 appropriations for services to children and their families.

25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.300.040 and 1991 c 116 s 2 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the  
28 powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be:



1 (1) To have supervision over all matters pertaining to the public  
2 schools of the state.

3 (2) To report to the governor and the legislature such information  
4 and data as may be required for the management and improvement of the  
5 schools.

6 (3) To prepare and have printed such forms, registers, courses of  
7 study, rules and regulations for the government of the common schools,  
8 questions prepared for the examination of persons as provided for in  
9 RCW 28A.305.130(9), and such other material and books as may be  
10 necessary for the discharge of the duties of teachers and officials  
11 charged with the administration of the laws relating to the common  
12 schools, and to distribute the same to educational service district  
13 superintendents.

14 (4) To travel, without neglecting his or her other official duties  
15 as superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of attending  
16 educational meetings or conventions, of visiting schools, of consulting  
17 educational service district superintendents or other school officials.

18 (5) To prepare and from time to time to revise a manual of the  
19 Washington state common school code, copies of which shall be provided  
20 in such numbers as determined by the superintendent of public  
21 instruction at no cost to those public agencies within the common  
22 school system and which shall be sold at approximate actual cost of  
23 publication and distribution per volume to all other public and  
24 nonpublic agencies or individuals, said manual to contain Titles 28A  
25 and 28C RCW, rules and regulations related to the common schools, and  
26 such other matter as the state superintendent or the state board of  
27 education shall determine. Proceeds of the sale of such code shall be  
28 transmitted to the public printer who shall credit the state  
29 superintendent's account within the state printing plant revolving fund  
30 by a like amount.

1 (6) To act as ex officio member and the chief executive officer of  
2 the state board of education.

3 (7) To file all papers, reports and public documents transmitted to  
4 the superintendent by the school officials of the several counties or  
5 districts of the state, each year separately. Copies of all papers  
6 filed in the superintendent's office, and the superintendent's official  
7 acts, may, or upon request, shall be certified by the superintendent  
8 and attested by the superintendent's official seal, and when so  
9 certified shall be evidence of the papers or acts so certified to.

10 (8) To require annually, on or before the 15th day of August, of  
11 the president, manager, or principal of every educational institution  
12 in this state, a report as required by the superintendent of public  
13 instruction; and it is the duty of every president, manager or  
14 principal, to complete and return such forms within such time as the  
15 superintendent of public instruction shall direct.

16 (9) To keep in the superintendent's office a record of all teachers  
17 receiving certificates to teach in the common schools of this state.

18 (10) To issue certificates as provided by law.

19 (11) To keep in the superintendent's office at the capital of the  
20 state, all books and papers pertaining to the business of the  
21 superintendent's office, and to keep and preserve in the  
22 superintendent's office a complete record of statistics, as well as a  
23 record of the meetings of the state board of education.

24 (12) With the assistance of the office of the attorney general, to  
25 decide all points of law which may be submitted to the superintendent  
26 in writing by any educational service district superintendent, or that  
27 may be submitted to the superintendent by any other person, upon appeal  
28 from the decision of any educational service district superintendent;  
29 and the superintendent shall publish his or her rulings and decisions  
30 from time to time for the information of school officials and teachers;

1 and the superintendent's decision shall be final unless set aside by a  
2 court of competent jurisdiction.

3 (13) To administer oaths and affirmations in the discharge of the  
4 superintendent's official duties.

5 (14) To deliver to his or her successor, at the expiration of the  
6 superintendent's term of office, all records, books, maps, documents  
7 and papers of whatever kind belonging to the superintendent's office or  
8 which may have been received by the superintendent's for the use of the  
9 superintendent's office.

10 (15) To administer family services and programs to promote the  
11 state's policy as provided in section 2 of this act.

12 (16) To perform such other duties as may be required by law.

13 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.63A.065 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 70 are each  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 The department shall have the following functions and  
16 responsibilities:

17 (1) Cooperate with and provide technical and financial assistance  
18 to the local governments and to the local agencies serving the  
19 communities of the state for the purpose of aiding and encouraging  
20 orderly, productive, and coordinated development of the state, and,  
21 unless stipulated otherwise, give priority to local communities with  
22 the greatest relative need and the fewest resources.

23 (2) Administer state and federal grants and programs which are  
24 assigned to the department by the governor or the legislature.

25 (3) Administer community services programs through private,  
26 nonprofit organizations and units of general purpose local government;  
27 these programs are directed to the poor and infirm and include  
28 community-based efforts to foster self-sufficiency and self-reliance,  
29 energy assistance programs, head start, and weatherization.

1 (4) Study issues affecting the structure, operation, and financing  
2 of local government as well as those state activities which involve  
3 relations with local government and report the results and  
4 recommendations to the governor, legislature, local government, and  
5 citizens of the state.

6 (5) Assist the governor in coordinating the activities of state  
7 agencies which have an impact on local governments and communities.

8 (6) Provide technical assistance to the governor and the  
9 legislature on community development policies for the state.

10 (7) Assist in the production, development, rehabilitation, and  
11 operation of owner-occupied or rental housing for low and moderate  
12 income persons, and qualify as a participating state agency for all  
13 programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development or its  
14 successor.

15 (8) Support and coordinate local efforts to promote volunteer  
16 activities throughout the state.

17 (9) Participate with other states or subdivisions thereof in  
18 interstate programs and assist cities, counties, municipal  
19 corporations, governmental conferences or councils, and regional  
20 planning commissions to participate with other states or their  
21 subdivisions.

22 (10) Hold public hearings and meetings to carry out the purposes of  
23 this chapter.

24 (11) Provide a comprehensive state-level focus for state fire  
25 protection services, funding, and policy.

26 (12) Administer a program to identify, evaluate, and protect  
27 properties which reflect outstanding elements of the state's cultural  
28 heritage.

1 (13) Coordinate a comprehensive state program for mitigating,  
2 preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and  
3 disasters.

4 (14) Administer family services and programs to promote the state's  
5 policy as provided in section 2 of this act.

6 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.70.020 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 103 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) There is hereby created a department of state government to be  
9 known as the department of health. The department shall be vested with  
10 all powers and duties transferred to it by this act and such other  
11 powers and duties as may be authorized by law. The main administrative  
12 office of the department shall be located in the city of Olympia. The  
13 secretary may establish administrative facilities in other locations,  
14 if deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the department, and  
15 if consistent with the principles set forth in subsection (2) of this  
16 section.

17 (2) The department of health shall be organized consistent with the  
18 goals of providing state government with a focus in health and serving  
19 the people of this state. The legislature recognizes that the  
20 secretary needs sufficient organizational flexibility to carry out the  
21 department's various duties. To the extent practical, the secretary  
22 shall consider the following organizational principles:

23 (a) Clear lines of authority which avoid functional duplication  
24 within and between subelements of the department;

25 (b) A clear and simplified organizational design promoting  
26 accessibility, responsiveness, and accountability to the legislature,  
27 the consumer, and the general public;

28 (c) Maximum span of control without jeopardizing adequate  
29 supervision;

1 (d) A substate or regional organizational structure for the  
2 department's health service delivery programs and activities that  
3 encourages joint working agreements with local health departments and  
4 that is consistent between programs;

5 (e) Decentralized authority and responsibility, with clear  
6 accountability;

7 (f) A single point of access for persons receiving like services  
8 from the department which would limit the number of referrals between  
9 divisions.

10 (3) The department shall provide leadership and coordination in  
11 identifying and resolving threats to the public health by:

12 (a) Working with local health departments and local governments to  
13 strengthen the state and local governmental partnership in providing  
14 public protection;

15 (b) Developing intervention strategies;

16 (c) Providing expert advice to the executive and legislative  
17 branches of state government;

18 (d) Providing active and fair enforcement of rules;

19 (e) Working with other federal, state, and local agencies and  
20 facilitating their involvement in planning and implementing health  
21 preservation measures;

22 (f) Providing information to the public; and

23 (g) Carrying out such other related actions as may be appropriate  
24 to this purpose.

25 (4) In accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter  
26 34.05 RCW, the department shall ensure an opportunity for consultation,  
27 review, and comment by the department's clients before the adoption of  
28 standards, guidelines, and rules.

29 (5) Consistent with the principles set forth in subsection (2) of  
30 this section, the secretary may create such administrative divisions,

1 offices, bureaus, and programs within the department as the secretary  
2 deems necessary. The secretary shall have complete charge of and  
3 supervisory powers over the department, except where the secretary's  
4 authority is specifically limited by law.

5 (6) The secretary shall appoint such personnel as are necessary to  
6 carry out the duties of the department in accordance with chapter 41.06  
7 RCW.

8 (7) The secretary shall appoint the state health officer and such  
9 deputy secretaries, assistant secretaries, and other administrative  
10 positions as deemed necessary consistent with the principles set forth  
11 in subsection (2) of this section. All persons who administer the  
12 necessary divisions, offices, bureaus, and programs, and five  
13 additional employees shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter  
14 41.06 RCW. The officers and employees appointed under this subsection  
15 shall be paid salaries to be fixed by the governor in accordance with  
16 the procedure established by law for the fixing of salaries for  
17 officers exempt from the state civil service law.

18 (8) The secretary shall administer family services and programs to  
19 promote the state's policy as provided in section 2 of this act.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 The secretary shall administer family services and programs to  
23 promote the state's policy as provided in section 2 of this act.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 50.08 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 The commissioner shall administer family services and programs to  
27 promote the state's policy as provided in section 2 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**        By June 30, 1995, the family policy  
2 council shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
3 on the expenditures made, outcomes attained, and other pertinent  
4 aspects of its experience in the implementation of section 5 of this  
5 act.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**        The juvenile issues task force  
7 reauthorized under chapter --, Laws of 1992 (either Engrossed  
8 Substitute House Bill No. 2466 or Second Substitute Senate Bill No.  
9 6041), or the entity given the duties of the task force created in  
10 chapter 234, Laws of 1991, shall conduct a study to determine whether  
11 a network of consortia on children, youth, and families may be  
12 authorized to receive a transfer of authority to administer: (1) The  
13 program funds from council agencies including at least: (a) The  
14 prevention and early intervention programs that the department of  
15 social and health services contracted for with private agencies on  
16 January 1, 1992; (b) consolidated juvenile services within the  
17 department of social and health services; (c) all residential and  
18 foster care services within the department of social and health  
19 services; (d) drug and alcohol prevention under chapter 28A.170 RCW;  
20 (e) the Fair Start program from the superintendent of public  
21 instruction; (f) school psychological and social counseling services  
22 from the superintendent of public instruction; (g) school health and  
23 nutrition services from the superintendent of public instruction; (h)  
24 the early childhood education and assistance program in the department  
25 of community development; and (i) the first steps program and for other  
26 department of health funded health education and health promotion  
27 programs where the primary target population is children; (2) a  
28 requirement that consortia prepare two-year plans that respond at a  
29 minimum to needs assessments, interagency service plans, and the goals



1 of local school districts, public health departments, juvenile courts,  
2 and children's protective services; and (3) ways in which consortia can  
3 improve access to assistance that will strengthen the healthy family  
4 unit or community organizations, including at a minimum ways to reduce  
5 abuse of alcohol and illegal substances by children and their parents,  
6 and interpersonal violence and intentional injury to children. The  
7 study should recommend specific financial incentives to encourage the  
8 transfer of authority as outlined under this section. The juvenile  
9 issues task force shall also assess existing resources and institutes  
10 on children and family services and recommend whether an institute on  
11 children and family services affiliated with a college or university be  
12 established, or, if existing, modified or expanded.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 74.14A  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 The implementation of council, consortia, and institute, shall be  
16 included in all federal and state plans affecting the state's children,  
17 youth, and families, including at least those required by this chapter  
18 and applicable federal law. These plans shall be consistent with the  
19 intent and requirements of this chapter.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The legislature finds that there is an  
21 urgent and substantial need to:

22 (1) Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with  
23 disabilities in the state of Washington in order to minimize  
24 developmental delay and maximize individual potential and enhance the  
25 capability of families to meet the needs of their infants and toddlers  
26 with disabilities and maintain family integrity;

27 (2) Coordinate and enhance the state's existing early intervention  
28 services to ensure a state-wide, community-based, coordinated,

1 interagency program of early intervention services for infants and  
2 toddlers with disabilities and their families; and

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** For the purposes of implementing this  
7 chapter, the governor shall appoint a state birth-to-six interagency  
8 coordinating council and ensure that state agencies involved in the  
9 provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants  
10 and toddlers with disabilities and their families shall coordinate and  
11 collaborate in the planning and delivery of such services. The  
12 coordinating council shall report to the appropriate committees of the  
13 legislature on the implementation of this chapter by January 15, 1993.

14 No state or local agency currently providing early intervention  
15 services to infants and toddlers with disabilities may use funds  
16 appropriated for early intervention services for infants and toddlers  
17 with disabilities to supplant funds from other sources.

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

21 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the  
22 restriction or reduction of eligibility under Title V of the Social  
23 Security Act, P.L. 90-248, relating to maternal and child health or  
24 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, P.L. 89-97, relating to medicaid  
25 for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** State agencies providing or paying for  
27 early intervention services shall enter into formal interagency  
28 agreements with each other and where appropriate, with school

1 districts, counties, and other providers, to define their relationships  
2 and financial and service responsibilities. Local agencies or  
3 entities, including local school districts, counties, and service  
4 providers receiving public money for providing or paying for early  
5 intervention services shall enter into formal interagency agreements  
6 with each other that define their relationships and financial  
7 responsibilities to provide services within each county. In  
8 establishing priorities, school districts, counties, and other service  
9 providers shall give due regard to the needs of children birth to three  
10 years of age and shall ensure that they continue to participate in  
11 providing services and collaborate with each other. The interagency  
12 agreements shall include procedures for resolving disputes, provisions  
13 for establishing maintenance requirements, and all additional  
14 components necessary to ensure collaboration and coordination.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The state birth-to-six interagency  
16 coordinating council shall identify and work with county early  
17 childhood interagency coordinating councils to coordinate and enhance  
18 existing early intervention services and assist each community to meet  
19 the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Sections 14 through 17 of this act shall  
21 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** Sections 1 and 3 through 5 of this act  
23 shall constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** If any provision of this act or its  
25 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

3       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 21.**       Sections 1 through 13 of this act shall  
4 take effect July 1, 1992.