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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the use of
8 alcohol and other drugs during pregnancy can cause medical,
9 psychological, and social problems for women and infants. The
10 legislature further recognizes that communities are increasingly
11 concerned about this problem and the associated costs to the mothers,
12 infants, and society as a whole. The legislature recognizes that the
13 department of health and other agencies are focusing on primary
14 prevention activities to reduce the use of alcohol or drugs during
15 pregnancy but few efforts have focused on secondary prevention efforts
16 aimed at intervening in the lives of women already involved in the use
17 of alcohol or other drugs during pregnancy. The legislature recognizes
18 that the best way to prevent problems for chemically dependent pregnant
19 women and their resulting children is to engage the women in alcohol or
20 drug treatment. The legislature acknowledges that treatment
21 professionals find pretreatment services to clients to be important in
22 engaging women in alcohol or drug treatment. The legislature further
23 recognizes that pretreatment services should be provided at locations
24 where chemically dependent women are likely to be found, including
25 correctional facilities, public health clinics, and domestic violence
26 or homeless shelters. Therefore the legislature intends to prevent the
27 detrimental effects of alcohol or other drug use to women and their
28 resulting infants by promoting the establishment of local programs to
29 help facilitate a woman's entry into alcohol or other drug treatment.
30 These programs shall provide secondary prevention services and
31 provision of opportunities for immediate treatment so that women who
32 seek help are welcomed rather than ostracized.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
34 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
35 chapter.

1 (1) "Alcoholism" means a disease, characterized by a dependency on
2 alcoholic beverages, loss of control over the amount and circumstances
3 of alcohol use, symptoms of tolerance, physiological or psychological
4 withdrawal, or both, if use is reduced or discontinued and impairment
5 of health or disruption of social or economic functioning.

6 (2) "Approved treatment program" means a discrete program of
7 chemical dependency treatment provided by a treatment program certified
8 by the department of social and health services as meeting standards
9 adopted under this chapter.

10 (3) "Assessment" means an interview with an individual to determine
11 if he or she is chemically dependent and in need of referral to an
12 approved treatment program.

13 (4) "Chemically dependent individual" means someone suffering from
14 alcoholism or drug addiction, or dependence on alcohol or one or more
15 other psychoactive chemicals.

16 (5) "Department" means the department of social and health
17 services.

18 (6) "Domestic violence" is a categorization of offenses, as defined
19 in RCW 10.99.020, committed by one family or household member against
20 another.

21 (7) "Domestic violence program" means a shelter or other program
22 which provides services to victims of domestic violence.

23 (8) "Drug addiction" means a disease characterized by a dependency
24 on psychoactive chemicals, loss of control over the amount and
25 circumstances of use, symptoms of tolerance, physiological or
26 psychological withdrawal, or both, if use is reduced or discontinued,
27 and impairment of health or disruptions of social or economic
28 functioning.

29 (9) "Family or household members" means a family or household
30 member as defined in RCW 10.99.020.

31 (10) "Pretreatment" means the period of time prior to an
32 individual's enrollment in alcohol or drug treatment.

33 (11) "Pretreatment services" means activities taking place prior to
34 treatment that include identification of individuals using alcohol or
35 drugs, education, assessment of their use, evaluation of need for
36 treatment, referral to an approved treatment program, and advocacy on
37 a client's behalf with social service agencies or others to ensure and
38 coordinate a client's entry into treatment.

1 (12) "Primary prevention" means providing information about the
2 effects of alcohol or drug use to individuals so they will avoid using
3 these substances.

4 (13) "Secondary prevention" means identifying and obtaining an
5 assessment on individuals using alcohol or other drugs for referral to
6 treatment when indicated.

7 (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social
8 and health services.

9 (15) "Treatment" means the broad range of emergency detoxification,
10 residential, and outpatient services and care, including diagnostic
11 evaluation, chemical dependency education and counseling, medical,
12 psychiatric, psychological, and social service care, vocational
13 rehabilitation, and career counseling, that may be extended to
14 chemically dependent individuals and their families.

15 (16) "Treatment program" means an organization, institution, or
16 corporation, public or private, engaged in the care, treatment, or
17 rehabilitation of chemically dependent individuals.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall develop and promote
19 state-wide secondary prevention strategies designed to increase the use
20 of alcohol and drug treatment services by women of child-bearing age,
21 before, during, and immediately after pregnancy. These efforts are
22 conducted through the division of alcohol and substance abuse. The
23 secretary shall:

24 (1) Promote development of four pilot demonstration projects in the
25 state to be called pretreatment projects for women of child bearing
26 age. Two of the pilot projects are in urban areas and two are in rural
27 areas.

28 (2) Ensure that two of the projects are located in public health
29 department clinics that provide maternity services, and one is located
30 with a domestic violence program.

31 (3) Hire four certified chemical dependency counselors to work as
32 substance abuse educators in each of the four demonstration projects.
33 The counselors may rotate between more than one clinic or domestic
34 violence program. The counselor for the domestic violence program
35 shall also be trained in domestic violence issues.

36 (4) Ensure that the duties and activities of the certified chemical
37 dependency counselors include, at a minimum, the following:

1 (a) Identifying substance-using pregnant women in the health
2 clinics and domestic violence programs;

3 (b) Educating the women and agency staff on the effects of alcohol
4 or drugs on health, pregnancy, and unborn children;

5 (c) Determining the extent of the women's substance use;

6 (d) Evaluating the women's need for treatment;

7 (e) Making referrals for chemical dependency treatment if
8 indicated;

9 (f) Facilitating the women's entry into treatment; and

10 (g) Advocating on the client's behalf with other social service
11 agencies or others to ensure and coordinate clients into treatment.

12 (5) Ensure that administrative costs of the department are limited
13 to ten percent of the funds appropriated for the project.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of social and health services
15 shall operate the pilot demonstration projects established in this act
16 within existing federal funding levels. No additional general fund-
17 state expenditures shall be made for the purposes of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each added
19 to Title 70 RCW."

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