

2 **ESHB 1408** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Human Services

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS AND STATE POLICY. (1) The  
8 legislature finds that:

9 (a) Each year in Washington approximately fifteen thousand teenage  
10 girls become pregnant;

11 (b) The public cost of adolescent pregnancy is substantial. Eighty  
12 percent of teen prenatal care and deliveries are publicly funded. Over  
13 fifty percent of the women on public assistance became mothers as  
14 teenagers; and

15 (c) The personal costs of adolescent pregnancy can be socially and  
16 economically overwhelming. These too young mothers are often unable to  
17 finish high school. Their economic potential is diminished, their  
18 probability of dependence on public assistance increases, and their  
19 children are more likely to grow up in poverty. The cycle of teen  
20 mothers raising children in poverty jeopardizes their future  
21 educational opportunity and economic viability of future generations.

22 (2) The legislature therefore declares that in the interest of  
23 health, welfare, and economics, it is the policy of the state to reduce  
24 the incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy. To reduce the rate of teen  
25 pregnancy in Washington, the legislature hereby:

26 (a) Establishes four-year projects to prevent teen pregnancy;

27 (b) Initiates a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign;

28 (c) Increases funding for family planning education, outreach, and  
29 services; and

30 (d) Expands medicaid eligibility for postpartum family planning  
31 services.

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

1 (1) "Community" means an individual political subdivision of the  
2 state, a group of such political subdivisions, or a geographic area  
3 within a political subdivision.

4 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS. There  
6 is established in the department a program to coordinate and fund  
7 community-based teen pregnancy prevention projects. Selection of  
8 projects shall be made competitively based upon compliance with the  
9 requirements of sections 4 and 5 of this act. To the extent  
10 practicable, the projects shall be geographically distributed  
11 throughout the state. Criteria shall be established by the department  
12 in consultation with other state agencies and groups involved in teen  
13 pregnancy prevention.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--  
15 REQUIREMENTS. (1) Each project shall be designed to reduce the  
16 incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy in the defined community, and may  
17 include preteens.

18 (2) At least fifty percent of the funding for teen pregnancy  
19 prevention projects shall be community matching funds provided by  
20 private or public entities. In-kind contributions such as, but not  
21 limited to, staff, materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be  
22 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the communities.

23 (3) The department shall perform evaluations of the projects. Each  
24 project shall be evaluated solely on the rate by which the teen  
25 pregnancy rates in the community are reduced, measured from the rates  
26 prior to the implementation of the project. Projects that demonstrate  
27 by empirical evidence that they have been successful in reducing the  
28 teen pregnancy rate in their community shall be eligible for  
29 consideration if reauthorized funding becomes available.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--  
31 APPLICATIONS. Applications for teen pregnancy prevention project  
32 funding shall:

33 (1) Define the community requesting funding;

34 (2) Designate a lead agency or organization for the project;

35 (3) Contain evidence of the active participation of entities in the  
36 community that will participate in the project;

1 (4) Demonstrate the participation of teens in the development of  
2 the project;

3 (5) Describe the specific activities that will be undertaken by the  
4 project;

5 (6) Identify the community matching funds required under section 4  
6 of this act;

7 (7) Include statistics on teen pregnancy rates in the community  
8 over at least the past five years;

9 (8) Include components that will demonstrate sensitivity to  
10 religious, cultural, and socioeconomic differences; and

11 (9) Include components giving emphasis to the importance of sexual  
12 abstinence as a method of pregnancy prevention, as provided in RCW  
13 28A.230.070 and 70.24.210.

14 The department shall not discriminate against applicants for teen  
15 pregnancy prevention project funding based on the type of pregnancy  
16 prevention strategies and services included in the applicant's  
17 proposal.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** REPORT. The department shall submit an  
19 annual report on the state's teen pregnancy rates over the previous  
20 five years, both state-wide and in the specific communities in which  
21 teen pregnancy prevention projects are located, to the appropriate  
22 standing committees of the legislature in the years 1995 through 1999.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN.  
24 The department shall develop a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign  
25 in collaboration with major media organizations and other organizations  
26 and corporations interested in playing a positive and constructive role  
27 in their communities. The media campaign shall be designed to reduce  
28 the incidence of teen pregnancies. The media campaign shall be  
29 directed to teens, their parents, and individuals and organizations  
30 working with teens. The department may subcontract all or part of the  
31 activities associated with the media campaign to qualified private,  
32 nonprofit organizations.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall  
34 expire June 30, 1999.

1       **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.09.790 and 1990 c 151 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
4 this section apply throughout RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.820 and  
5 74.09.510:

6       (1) "At-risk eligible person" means an eligible person determined  
7 by the department to need special assistance in applying for and  
8 obtaining maternity care, including pregnant women who are substance  
9 abusers, pregnant and parenting adolescents, pregnant minority women,  
10 and other eligible persons who need special assistance in gaining  
11 access to the maternity care system.

12       (2) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,  
13 county council, or county executive having the authority to participate  
14 in the maternity care access program or its designee. Two or more  
15 county authorities may enter into joint agreements to fulfill the  
16 requirements of this chapter.

17       (3) "Department" means the department of social and health  
18 services.

19       (4) "Eligible person" means a woman in need of maternity care or  
20 a child, who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this  
21 chapter or the prenatal care program administered by the department.

22       (5) "Maternity care services" means inpatient and outpatient  
23 medical care, case management, and support services necessary during  
24 prenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods.

25       (6) "Support services" means, at least, public health nursing  
26 assessment and follow-up, health and childbirth education,  
27 psychological assessment and counseling, outreach services, nutritional  
28 assessment and counseling, needed vitamin and nonprescriptive drugs,  
29 transportation, family planning services, and child care. Support  
30 services may include alcohol and substance abuse treatment for pregnant  
31 women who are addicted or at risk of being addicted to alcohol or drugs  
32 to the extent funds are made available for that purpose.

33       (7) "Family planning services" means planning the number of one's  
34 children by use of contraceptive techniques.

35       **Sec. 10.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 5 are each  
36 amended to read as follows:

1 The department shall, consistent with the state budget act, develop  
2 a maternity care access program designed to ensure healthy birth  
3 outcomes as follows:

4 (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant women  
5 and health care services to children in poverty to the maximum extent  
6 allowable under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the  
7 federal social security act;

8 (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who are not  
9 eligible to receive such services under the medical assistance program,  
10 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

11 (3) By January 1, 1990, have the following procedures in place to  
12 improve access to maternity care services and eligibility  
13 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care services  
14 under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social  
15 security act:

16 (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

17 (b) Outstationing department staff to make eligibility  
18 determinations;

19 (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level,  
20 coordinated by the department; and

21 (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining medical  
22 assistance eligibility within five working days of the date of an  
23 application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility determination  
24 within fifteen working days of the date of application by a pregnant  
25 woman;

26 (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that shall  
27 assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical assistance  
28 benefits and receiving maternity care services, including  
29 transportation and child care services;

30 (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate reimbursement  
31 levels for maternity care providers;

32 (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that stresses  
33 the importance of obtaining maternity care early during pregnancy;

34 ~~(7) ((Study the desirability and feasibility of implementing the  
35 presumptive eligibility provisions set forth in section 9407 of the  
36 federal omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1986 and report to the  
37 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1989; and~~

38 ~~(8))~~ Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under the  
39 program established by this section to persons, agencies, or

1 organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily  
2 emphasize healthy birth outcomes;

3 (8) Provide family planning services including information about  
4 the synthetic progestin capsule implant form of contraception, for  
5 twelve months immediately following a pregnancy to women who were  
6 eligible for medical assistance under the maternity care access program  
7 during that pregnancy or who were eligible only for emergency labor and  
8 delivery services during that pregnancy; and

9 (9) Within available resources, provide family planning services to  
10 women who meet the financial eligibility requirements for services  
11 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall  
13 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Captions as used in this act constitute no  
15 part of the law."

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19 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "prevention;" strike the  
20 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.09.790 and  
21 74.09.800; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; creating a new  
22 section; and providing an expiration date."

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