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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.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. If specific funding for the purposes of
17 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
18 30, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
19 void."

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23 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "prevention;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.09.790 and
25 74.09.800; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; creating new sections;
26 and providing an expiration date."

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