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1 AN ACT Relating to child care; amending RCW 74.13.0903; creating a  
2 new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that building a system  
5 of quality, affordable child care requires coordinated efforts toward  
6 constructing partnerships at state and community levels. Through the  
7 office of child care policy, the department of social and health  
8 services is responsible for facilitating the coordination of child care  
9 efforts and establishing working partnerships among the affected  
10 entities within the public and private sectors. Through these  
11 collaborative efforts, the office of child care policy encouraged the  
12 coalition of locally based child care resource and referral agencies  
13 into a state-wide network. The state-wide network, in existence since  
14 1989, supports the development and operation of community-based  
15 resource and referral programs, improves the quality and quantity of  
16 child care available in Washington by fostering state-wide strategies,  
17 and generates then nurtures effective public-private partnerships. The  
18 state-wide network provides important training, standards of service,  
19 and general technical assistance to its locally based child care

1 resource and referral programs. The locally based programs enrich the  
2 availability, affordability, and quality of child care in their  
3 communities.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.13.0903 and 1991 sp.s. c 16 s 924 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 The office of ~~((the))~~ child care ~~((resources coordinator))~~ policy  
7 is established to operate under the authority of the department of  
8 social and health services. The duties and responsibilities of the  
9 office ~~((shall))~~ include, but are not limited to, the following, within  
10 appropriated funds:

11 (1) Staff and assist the child care coordinating committee in the  
12 implementation of its duties under RCW 74.13.090;

13 (2) Work ~~((with))~~ in conjunction with the state-wide child care  
14 resource and referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit  
15 organizations, businesses, and community child care advocates to create  
16 local child care resource and referral organizations. These  
17 organizations may carry out needs assessments, resource development,  
18 provider training, technical assistance, and parent information and  
19 training;

20 (3) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as  
21 grants to ~~((potential or existing))~~ the state-wide child care resource  
22 and referral network and to existing or potential local child care  
23 resource and referral organizations~~((. After the 1991-93 fiscal~~  
24 ~~biennium, no grant shall be distributed that is greater than twenty-~~  
25 ~~five thousand dollars))~~;

26 (4) Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of  
27 grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The  
28 rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for  
29 achieving the following objectives:

30 (a) Provide parents with information about child care resources,  
31 including location of services and subsidies;

32 (b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training  
33 programs;

34 (c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars,  
35 toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;

36 (d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply  
37 and demand;

1 (e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources  
2 devoted to child care; and

3 (f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee  
4 child care services;

5 (5) Provide staff support and technical assistance to the state-  
6 wide child care resource and referral network and local child care  
7 resource and referral organizations;

8 (~~(6) ((Organize the local child care resource and referral~~  
9 ~~organizations into a state-wide system;~~

10 ~~(7))~~) Maintain a state-wide child care (~~(referral)~~) licensing data  
11 bank and work with department of social and health services licensors  
12 to provide information to local child care resource and referral  
13 organizations about licensed child care providers in the state;

14 (~~((8))~~) (7) Through the state-wide child care resource and referral  
15 network and local resource and referral organizations, compile data  
16 about local child care needs and availability for future planning and  
17 development;

18 (~~((9))~~) (8) Coordinate with the state-wide child care resource and  
19 referral network and local child care resource and referral  
20 organizations for the provision of training and technical assistance to  
21 child care providers; and

22 (~~((10))~~) (9) Collect and assemble information regarding the  
23 availability of insurance and of federal and other child care funding  
24 to assist state and local agencies, businesses, and other child care  
25 providers in offering child care services.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
29 effect immediately.

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