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By Representatives Ogden, Silver, Valle, Dunshee, Fuhrman, Carlson, H. Myers and Leonard; by request of Legislative Budget Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to residential habilitation centers; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 71A.20 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature recognizes that living in home and community-based  
8 settings is most conducive to personal growth and independence for  
9 people with developmental disabilities and is generally more cost-  
10 effective than institutional care. The legislature also recognizes  
11 that state institutions for people with developmental disabilities are  
12 needed for special populations who require care, treatment, or  
13 supervision that cannot be provided in a safe and cost-effective manner  
14 in home and community-based settings.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary shall use a standardized  
16 assessment instrument to assess each current resident of a residential  
17 habilitation center. The secretary shall analyze the data and report

1 the score distributions and appropriate summary information. In  
2 addition, for each assessment the secretary shall:

3 (1) Identify the client-specific barriers to a community placement,  
4 including:

5 (a) Parent or guardian opposition to a community placement;

6 (b) Significant risks to public safety if the resident moves to a  
7 community placement;

8 (c) Significant risks to the resident's personal safety if the  
9 resident moves to a community placement;

10 (d) Need for intensive medical services not available at reasonable  
11 cost in a community placement;

12 (e) Need for other supports or supervision not available at  
13 reasonable cost in a community placement; and

14 (f) Other client-specific barriers to a community placement.

15 (2) Analyze placement costs in order to determine the most cost-  
16 effective type of placement in which the resident can receive needed  
17 supports and services.

18 The secretary shall report the information required under this  
19 section to the appropriate legislative committees by November 15, 1994.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The legislature intends that the residential habilitation  
23 centers shall develop into specialized resources to assure public  
24 safety, provide assessments and treatment plans for specialized  
25 disabling conditions, or provide specialized support or respite care  
26 that cannot be provided in a cost-effective manner through home or  
27 community-based services.

28 (2) By December 15, 1994, the secretary shall transmit to the  
29 appropriate legislative committees a plan on the recommended size and  
30 services of each residential habilitation center as of the year 2001,  
31 with milestones for each preceding fiscal year. The plan shall  
32 include:

33 (a) Specific criteria for admission to and residence in a  
34 residential habilitation center consistent with the intent of chapter  
35 --, Laws of 1994 (this act);

36 (b) An estimate of the number of people who are expected to meet  
37 the criteria for admission to or continued residence in a residential  
38 habilitation center;

1 (c) A plan with timelines and cost estimates for assuring safe,  
2 cost-effective community care for the current residents who do not meet  
3 residential habilitation center placement criteria;

4 (d) Proposed uses for excess residential habilitation center  
5 grounds and buildings by other governmental or private entities in ways  
6 that the proceeds will benefit people with developmental disabilities;  
7 and

8 (e) Strategies to retrain and/or provide new jobs in developmental  
9 disability community care or in other public service for any staff not  
10 needed in the residential habilitation centers.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
14 effect immediately.

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