
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2232

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Patterson, Cooke, H. Myers, Conway, Roland, L. Johnson, Brough, J. Kohl, Wineberry and Thibaudeau)

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1 AN ACT Relating to therapeutic child care services; amending RCW
2 74.14B.040; amending 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 202 (uncodified); creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that therapeutic child
6 care services have been shown to be effective in preventing delinquent
7 and aggressive behavior, drug and alcohol use, and involvement in
8 violent crime by children who have been abused or neglected. The
9 legislature further finds that state general fund savings will be
10 realized beginning in the current biennium through the receipt of
11 federal medical assistance matching payments for therapeutic child care
12 services. It is the intent of the legislature that these general fund
13 state savings be used to continue to support abused or neglected
14 children who have received intensive therapeutic child care services
15 and are living with their parents, other family members, or in foster
16 care.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.14B.040 and 1987 c 503 s 13 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

1 (1) The department shall, within funds appropriated for this
2 purpose, provide therapeutic ((day)) child care and day treatment to
3 children who have been abused or neglected and meet program eligibility
4 criteria.

5 (2) As used in this section, "therapeutic child care" means
6 services provided to abused or neglected children, one month through
7 five years of age, and their families referred by child protective
8 services in the context of a child care setting to protect children
9 from further maltreatment and remediate the effects of past
10 maltreatment. Such services shall include, but are not limited to:
11 Transportation to and from the therapeutic child care program;
12 development and implementation of an individualized developmental plan
13 for each child served in the program; counseling and parent instruction
14 for the family; play therapy for the child; physical examinations and
15 nursing services; and home visits. Counseling and parent instruction
16 in the home setting may be provided as transitional services to
17 children and families who are no longer receiving therapeutic services
18 at the site of the therapeutic child care program.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. An additional six hundred thousand dollars
20 of the general fund-state savings assumed in section 201, chapter . . .
21 (House Bill No. 2299), Laws of 1994 by the receipt of additional
22 general fund-federal funds shall be used to provide therapeutic child
23 care transitional services to children and families who are no longer
24 receiving therapeutic services at the site of the therapeutic child
25 care program.

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