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1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence; amending RCW 70.123.010 and
2 70.123.070; and making an appropriation.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.123.010 and 1979 ex.s. c 245 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that domestic violence is an issue of growing
7 concern at all levels of government and that there is a present and
8 growing need to develop innovative strategies and services which will
9 ameliorate and reduce the trauma of domestic violence. Research
10 findings show that domestic violence constitutes a significant
11 percentage of homicides, aggravated assaults, and assaults and
12 batteries in the United States. Domestic violence is a disruptive
13 influence on personal and community life and is often interrelated with
14 a number of other family problems and stresses. Shelters for victims
15 of domestic violence and their children are essential to provide
16 protection to victims and their children from further abuse and
17 physical harm and to help the victim and children find long-range
18 alternative living situations, if requested. Shelters provide safety,
19 refuge, advocacy, and helping resources to victims and their children

1 who may not have access to such things if they remain in abusive
2 situations.

3 The legislature therefore recognizes the need for the state-wide
4 development and expansion of shelters for victims of domestic violence.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.123.070 and 1979 ex.s. c 245 s 7 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Shelters receiving state funds under this chapter shall:

8 (1) Make available shelter services to any person who is a victim
9 of domestic violence and to that person's children;

10 (2) Encourage victims, with the financial means to do so, to
11 reimburse the shelter for the services provided;

12 (3) Recruit, to the extent feasible, persons who are former victims
13 of domestic violence to work as volunteers or staff personnel. An
14 effort shall also be made to provide bilingual services;

15 (4) Provide prevention and treatment programs to victims of
16 domestic violence((~~7~~)) and their children, including but not limited to
17 parenting support for victims, education and conflict resolution
18 skills, and information and referral services, and, where possible, the
19 abuser;

20 (5) Provide a day program or drop-in center to assist victims of
21 domestic violence who have found other shelter but who have a need for
22 support services.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million two hundred thousand
24 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
25 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund-state to the
26 department of social and health services for the purposes of this act.

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