
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1862

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Dickerson, Boldt and McDonald)

Read first time 03/04/97.

1 AN ACT Relating to community-based alternative response systems;
2 adding a new section to chapter 26.44 RCW; creating a new section;
3 providing an effective date; and declaring 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 26.44 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department shall create a community-based alternative response
8 system for families referred to child protective services who are
9 identified as low-risk cases. The system shall assess family needs and
10 strengths, and arrange services for eligible families. Services
11 provided through the system shall be contracted for with
12 community-based organizations.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
14 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
15 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
16 void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 1997.

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