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1 AN ACT Relating to deterring juvenile violence; reenacting and
2 amending RCW 69.50.520; adding a new chapter to Title 13 RCW; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Research has shown that interventions
6 designed to deter juvenile violence and delinquency are cost-effective
7 and compare favorably with the cost of detention. The legislature
8 intends to develop a grant program to fund research-based prevention
9 and early intervention programs targeting youth and their families who
10 have not yet entered the juvenile justice system.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The governor's juvenile justice advisory
12 committee shall administer the grant program created under this
13 chapter.

14 (2) All grant applications shall:

15 (a) Identify the program or proposed program;

16 (b) Identify the entity or organization proposing the program.

17 Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to, nonprofit,

1 civic and charitable organizations, local governments, tribes, and
2 community networks;

3 (c) Include a plan for expenditure of the funds, including
4 specifying what percentage of the grant will be spent on administration
5 and evaluation costs; and

6 (d) Include a plan to analyze the effectiveness of the program.

7 (3) A program is eligible for a grant under this section only if
8 the program:

9 (a) Is designed to reduce conditions associated with the entry of
10 youth into the juvenile justice system;

11 (b) Is a new program or replicates in another location an existing
12 program that meets the criteria of this chapter;

13 (c) Is based on research that supports the program's effectiveness
14 in reducing the targeted populations risk for delinquency;

15 (d) Has community support and is community-based;

16 (e) Will be used for prevention of juvenile crime and not as a
17 disposition or confinement option for adjudicated or diverted juvenile
18 offenders. This restriction shall not preclude serving juveniles who
19 have been adjudicated or diverted prior to participation in the program
20 or who are diverted or adjudicated during participation in the program;
21 and

22 (f) Is in addition to any other state or locally funded juvenile
23 violence deterrence program and will not supplant existing federal,
24 state, or local funds.

25 (4) To encourage local ownership of youth violence deterrence
26 programs, grants awarded by the committee under this section shall:

27 (a) Have a duration of up to two years, with renewal options based
28 on the achievement of outcomes; and

29 (b) Not exceed more than seventy-five percent of the total
30 estimated cost of a program. Entities or organizations applying for
31 grants under this section must demonstrate that at least twenty-five
32 percent of the cost of the program will be funded from nonstate moneys.

33 (5) To encourage grant applications, the committee shall simplify
34 the grant application process to the greatest extent possible.

35 (6) The committee may require that a percentage of the expenditures
36 for a grant be spent to evaluate the program's effectiveness. The
37 committee may also require that the evaluation be conducted by
38 individuals or organizations that are not participating in the program.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A review team is established to make
2 recommendations to the governor's juvenile justice advisory committee
3 on the funding of grants under this chapter.

4 (2) The review team shall consist of no more than fifteen persons
5 appointed by the committee. Appointees must represent the state's
6 geographic and cultural diversity and have demonstrated an interest in
7 juvenile violence and its prevention. The review team shall include
8 representatives from entities that disperse funds targeted at youth,
9 including, but not limited to, the office of the superintendent of
10 public instruction, the office of crime victims advocacy, the family
11 policy council, the department of health, the stop youth violence
12 advisory committee, the Washington council for the prevention of child
13 abuse and neglect, and the division of alcohol and substance abuse
14 within the department of social and health services.

15 (3) Review team members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses
16 under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 69.50.520 and 1997 c 451 s 2 and 1997 c 338 s 69 are
18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 The violence reduction and drug enforcement account is created in
20 the state treasury. All designated receipts from RCW 9.41.110(8),
21 66.24.210(4), 66.24.290(2), 69.50.505(h)(1), 82.08.150(5),
22 82.24.020(2), 82.64.020, and section 420, chapter 271, Laws of 1989
23 shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
24 be used only for funding services and programs under chapter 271, Laws
25 of 1989 and chapter 7, Laws of 1994 sp. sess., including state
26 incarceration costs. Funds from the account may also be appropriated
27 to reimburse local governments for costs associated with implementing
28 criminal justice legislation including chapter 338, Laws of 1997.
29 Funds from the account may also be used for funding grants under
30 section 2 of this act. During the 1997-1999 biennium, funds from the
31 account may also be used for costs associated with conducting a
32 feasibility study of the department of corrections' offender-based
33 tracking system. After July 1, 1999, at least seven and one-half
34 percent of expenditures from the account shall be used for providing
35 grants to community networks under chapter 70.190 RCW by the family
36 policy council.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of two million five hundred thousand
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
3 the biennium ending June 30, 1998, from the violence reduction and drug
4 enforcement account to the governor's juvenile justice advisory
5 committee to implement chapter 13.-- RCW (sections 1 through 3 and 6 of
6 this act).

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall be known as the juvenile
8 violence deterrence act of 1998.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 3 and 6 of this act shall
10 constitute a new chapter in Title 13 RCW.

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