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1 AN ACT Relating to pregnant or parenting alcohol and drug addicts;
2 and amending RCW 70.83C.020 and 74.50.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.83C.020 and 1993 c 422 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The secretary shall develop and promote state-wide secondary
7 prevention strategies designed to increase the use of alcohol and drug
8 treatment services by women of child-bearing age, before, during, and
9 immediately after pregnancy. These efforts are conducted through the
10 division of alcohol and substance abuse. The secretary shall:

11 (1) Promote development of three pilot demonstration projects in
12 the state to be called pretreatment projects for women of child bearing
13 age.

14 (2) Ensure that two of the projects are located in public health
15 department clinics that provide maternity services and one is located
16 with a domestic violence program.

17 (3) Hire three certified chemical dependency counselors to work as
18 substance abuse educators in each of the three demonstration projects.
19 The counselors may rotate between more than one clinic or domestic

1 violence program. The chemical dependency counselor for the domestic
2 violence program shall also be trained in domestic violence issues.

3 (4) Ensure that the duties and activities of the certified chemical
4 dependency counselors include, at a minimum, the following:

5 (a) Identifying substance-using pregnant women in ((the)) health
6 clinics, local correctional facilities, and domestic violence programs;

7 (b) Educating the women and agency staff on the effects of alcohol
8 or drugs on health, pregnancy, and unborn children;

9 (c) Determining the extent of the women's substance use;

10 (d) Evaluating the women's need for treatment;

11 (e) Making referrals for chemical dependency treatment if
12 indicated;

13 (f) Facilitating the women's entry into treatment; ((and))

14 (g) Advocating on the client's behalf with other social service
15 agencies or others to ensure and coordinate clients into treatment; and

16 (h) Ensuring the provision of family planning services.

17 (5) Ensure that administrative costs of the department are limited
18 to ten percent of the funds appropriated for the project.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.50.050 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 18 s 5 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The department shall establish a treatment program to provide,
22 within available funds, alcohol and drug treatment services for
23 indigent persons eligible under this chapter. The treatment services
24 shall include access to and provision of family planning services. The
25 treatment services may include but are not limited to:

26 (a) Intensive inpatient treatment services;

27 (b) Recovery house treatment;

28 (c) Outpatient treatment and counseling, including assistance in
29 obtaining employment, and including a living allowance while undergoing
30 outpatient treatment. The living allowance may not be used to provide
31 shelter to clients in a dormitory setting that does not require
32 sobriety as a condition of residence. The living allowance shall be
33 administered on the clients' behalf by the outpatient treatment
34 facility or other social service agency designated by the department.
35 The department is authorized to pay the facility a fee for
36 administering this allowance.

37 (2) No individual may receive treatment services under this section
38 for more than six months in any two-year period: PROVIDED, That the

1 department may approve additional treatment and/or living allowance as
2 an exception.

3 (3) The department may require an applicant or recipient selecting
4 treatment to complete inpatient and recovery house treatment when, in
5 the judgment of a designated assessment center, such treatment is
6 necessary prior to providing the outpatient program.

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