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Sponsor(s): Senators Long, Hargrove, Franklin, Zarelli and Kohl

Brief Title: Changing provisions relating to prevention of juvenile crime and reduction of recidivism for juvenile offenders.

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Declares the intent of this act is to accomplish the following goals: (1) Reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders;

(2) reduce the number and rate of juvenile offenses;

(3) increase the ability of families, public agencies, and community groups to use early intervention and prevention programs that successfully identify and target risk factors associated with juvenile offenses;

(4) emphasize rehabilitation for juveniles before they become chronic offenders;

(5) improve the coordination among agencies serving juvenile offenders and their families; and

(6) use data and research to prioritize funding for successful programs that are outcome based.

Declares the intent of this act is to bring about planned, long-range systemic improvements to the juvenile justice system and public safety and is not intended to be an immediate solution to all concerns about juvenile crime. The legislature recognizes the importance of evaluations and outcome measurements of programs serving juvenile offenders in order to ensure cost-effective use of public funds.

Repeals RCW 13.40.025.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.