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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Ogden, McMorris, Doumit, Clements, Tokuda, D. Sommers, H. Sommers, Alexander, Kenney, Haigh and O'Brien)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to residential services for children; creating a
2 new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington institute for public
5 policy shall conduct a study of the types of residential services
6 provided to certain children in the care of the department of social
7 and health services. The review shall include residential services
8 provided to children served by the children's administration of the
9 department of social and health services.

10 (2) The study shall determine, for the total children served in
11 residential settings through the children's administration: The
12 numbers and percentages of children served in each type of residential
13 setting, including but not limited to foster care, group care,
14 institutional care, relative placement, and transitional living
15 services for older teens, and the expenditures and unit cost for each
16 type of residential setting.

17 (3) The study shall describe: The established criteria and process
18 for placement decisions and the actual process for these decisions,

1 including the extent to which the best interests of the child are
2 considered.

3 (4) The study shall include a review of best practices in other
4 states for residential placement decision making, including total
5 expenditures and unit costs, and distribution data as described in
6 subsection (2) of this section. The study also shall review best
7 practices promoted by national organizations with expertise in this
8 area of public policy.

9 (5) The study shall recommend changes to the current established
10 criteria and actual processes of residential decision making as
11 described in subsection (3) of this section, based on the review of
12 best practices in other states, and practices promoted by national
13 organizations with expertise in this area of public policy.

14 (6) The study shall determine the total expenditures and unit costs
15 of residential placement services and the percentage distribution for
16 each in Washington state as compared to the states selected for their
17 best practices. The study shall review current funding methodologies
18 for residential placement services and make recommendations for changes
19 if appropriate.

20 (7) The study shall determine the total expenditures and unit costs
21 of prevention services in Washington state as compared to the states
22 selected for their best practices. The study shall review current
23 funding methodologies for prevention services and make recommendations
24 for changes if appropriate.

25 (8) The Washington institute for public policy shall report the
26 results of the study to the appropriate standing committees of the
27 legislature by December 1, 2001.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand
29 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from
30 the general fund to the Washington institute for public policy for the
31 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to carry out the purposes of this
32 act.

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