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1 AN ACT Relating to community support services for persons with
2 developmental disabilities; and amending RCW 71A.16.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.16.010 and 1998 c 216 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intention of the legislature in this chapter to
7 establish a single point of referral for persons with developmental
8 disabilities and their families so that they may have a place of entry
9 and continuing contact for services authorized under this title to
10 persons with developmental disabilities. Eligible persons with
11 developmental disabilities, whether they live in the community or
12 residential habilitation centers, should have the opportunity to choose
13 where they live.

14 (2) Until June 30, 2003, and subject to subsection (3) of this
15 section, if there is a vacancy in a residential habilitation center,
16 the department shall offer admittance to the center to any eligible
17 adult, or eligible adolescent on an exceptional case-by-case basis,
18 with developmental disabilities if his or her assessed needs require
19 the funded level of resources that are provided by the center.

1 (3) The department shall not offer a person admittance to a
2 residential habilitation center under subsection (2) of this section
3 unless the department also offers the person appropriate community
4 support services listed in RCW 71A.12.040.

5 ~~(4) ((Community support services offered under subsection (3) of
6 this section may only be offered using funds specifically designated
7 for this purpose in the state operating budget. When these funds are
8 exhausted, the department may not offer admittance to a residential
9 habilitation center, or community support services under this section.~~

10 ~~(5))~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an
11 entitlement to state services for persons with developmental
12 disabilities.

13 ~~((+6))~~ (5) Subsections (2) through ~~((+6))~~ (5) of this section
14 expire June 30, 2003.

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