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1 AN ACT Relating to delivery of social and health services at the  
2 local level; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the social and  
6 health care delivery systems maintained by the department of social and  
7 health services operate as distinct funding sources for services  
8 delivered at the community level. This results in local government  
9 establishing separate and distinct administrative organizations arrayed  
10 around the source of funding provided by the state. The legislature  
11 intends to support local initiatives that attempt to integrate social  
12 and health services, streamline and reduce administrative costs, and  
13 establish new organizational entities that provide faster, smarter, and  
14 more efficient social and health services.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The department of social and health services shall issue a  
18 request for proposal to counties or groups of counties to design a new

1 administrative and service delivery infrastructure for supporting and  
2 managing social and health services at the local level. The proposal  
3 shall be for a five-year pilot project. The proposal must include an  
4 integrated total population management system utilizing a public  
5 service corporation or a nonprofit corporation as the administrative  
6 service organization responsible for the organization of local  
7 services. The services to be included in the pilot project may  
8 include, but are not limited to, mental health, substance abuse, and  
9 developmental disabilities.

10 (2) The request for proposal shall require a county or group of  
11 counties to address regulatory oversight, risks management, compliance  
12 monitoring, service authorization, and care management. It shall also  
13 cover the following administrative functions:

- 14 (a) Provider network development and management;
- 15 (b) Access to care;
- 16 (c) Appeals and grievance management;
- 17 (d) Adequate social service array;
- 18 (e) Customer service;
- 19 (f) Quality management;
- 20 (g) Information system management; and
- 21 (h) Fiscal management.

22 (3) The department of social and health services shall submit  
23 proposed changes in statute and operating budget procedures to the  
24 legislature by January 15, 2004, to implement the proposals solicited  
25 under this section.

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