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1 AN ACT Relating to improving coordination of services for
2 children's mental health; amending RCW 71.36.020; adding a new section
3 to chapter 71.36 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature affirms its support for:
6 Improving field-level cross-program collaboration and efficiency;
7 collecting reliable mental health cost, service, and outcome data
8 specific to children; revising the early periodic screening diagnosis
9 and treatment plan to reflect the current mental health system
10 structure; and identifying and promulgating the approaches used in
11 school districts where mental health and education systems coordinate
12 services and resources to provide public mental health care for
13 children.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature supports recommendations
15 made in the study of the public mental health system for children
16 conducted by the joint legislative audit and review committee. The
17 legislature expects the department of social and health services and

1 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to work
2 diligently within available funds to implement these recommendations,
3 which include the following:

4 (1) The department shall identify cross-agency business operation
5 issues that limit the agency's ability to meet statutory intent to
6 coordinate existing categorical children's mental health programs and
7 funding;

8 (2) The department shall collect reliable mental health cost,
9 service, and outcome data specific to children. This information must
10 be used to identify best practices and costs of services;

11 (3) The department shall revise the early periodic screening
12 diagnosis and treatment plan to reflect current mental health system
13 structure;

14 (4) The department and the office of the superintendent of public
15 instruction shall jointly identify school districts where mental health
16 and education systems coordinate services and resources to provide
17 public mental health care for children. These agencies shall work
18 together to share information about these approaches with other school
19 districts, regional support networks, and state agencies.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In addition to any follow-up requirements
21 prescribed by the joint legislative audit and review committee, the
22 department of social and health services shall submit reports to the
23 legislature on the status of the implementation of the recommendations
24 provided in section 2 (1) through (3) of this act, which are due to be
25 implemented by January 2004. The implementation status reports must be
26 submitted to appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
27 legislature by June 1, 2004, and each year thereafter through 2007.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 71.36 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 The department of social and health services shall collect and
31 analyze mental health cost, service, and outcome data specific to
32 children. The information produced by the analysis of this data shall
33 be used to promote a consistent, efficient, and effective statewide
34 public mental health system for children.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 71.36.020 and 1991 c 326 s 13 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 ~~((1) The office of financial management shall provide the~~
4 ~~following information to the appropriate committees of the legislature~~
5 ~~on or before December 1, 1991, and update such information biennially~~
6 ~~thereafter:~~

7 ~~(a) An inventory of state and federally funded programs providing~~
8 ~~mental health services to children in Washington state. For purposes~~
9 ~~of the inventory, "children's mental health services" shall be broadly~~
10 ~~construed to include services related to children's mental health~~
11 ~~provided through education, children and family services, juvenile~~
12 ~~justice, mental health, health care, alcohol and substance abuse, and~~
13 ~~developmental disabilities programs, such as: The primary intervention~~
14 ~~program; treatment foster care; the fair start program; therapeutic~~
15 ~~child care and day treatment for children in the child protective~~
16 ~~services system, as provided in RCW 74.14B.040; family reconciliation~~
17 ~~services counseling, as provided in chapter 13.32A RCW; the community~~
18 ~~mental health services act, as provided in chapter 71.24 RCW; mental~~
19 ~~health services for minors, as provided in chapter 71.34 RCW; mental~~
20 ~~health services provided by the medical assistance program, limited~~
21 ~~casualty program for the medically needy and children's health program,~~
22 ~~as provided in chapter 74.09 RCW; counseling for delinquent children,~~
23 ~~as provided in RCW 72.05.170; mental health service provided by child~~
24 ~~welfare services, as provided in chapter 74.13 RCW; and services to~~
25 ~~emotionally disturbed and mentally ill children, as provided in chapter~~
26 ~~74.14A RCW.~~

27 ~~(b) For each program or service inventoried pursuant to (a) of this~~
28 ~~subsection:~~

29 ~~(i) Statutory authority;~~

30 ~~(ii) Level and source of funding statewide and for each county and~~
31 ~~school district in the state during the biennium ending June 30, 1991,~~
32 ~~to the extent such information is available;~~

33 ~~(iii) Agency administering the service statewide and description of~~
34 ~~how administration and service delivery are organized and provided at~~
35 ~~the regional and local level;~~

36 ~~(iv) Programmatic or financial eligibility criteria;~~

37 ~~(v) Characteristics of, and number of children served statewide and~~

1 ~~in each county and school district during the biennium ending June 30,~~
2 ~~1991, to the extent such information is available;~~

3 ~~(vi) Number of children of color served, by race and nationality,~~
4 ~~and number and type of minority mental health providers, by race and~~
5 ~~nationality, in each regional support network area, to the extent such~~
6 ~~information is available; and~~

7 ~~(vii) Statutory changes necessary to remove categorical~~
8 ~~restrictions in the program or service, including federal statutory or~~
9 ~~regulatory changes.~~

10 (2)) The office of financial management, in consultation with the
11 department, shall develop a plan and criteria for the use of early
12 periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services related to mental
13 health that includes at least the following components:

14 ((+a)) (1) Criteria for screening and assessment of mental illness
15 and emotional disturbance;

16 ((+b)) (2) Criteria for determining the appropriate level of
17 medically necessary services a child receives, including but not
18 limited to development of a multidisciplinary plan of care when
19 appropriate, and prior authorization for receipt of mental health
20 services;

21 ((+c)) (3) Qualifications for children's mental health providers;

22 ((+d)) (4) Other cost control mechanisms, such as managed care
23 arrangements and prospective or capitated payments for mental health
24 services; and

25 ((+e)) (5) Mechanisms to ensure that federal medicaid matching
26 funds are obtained for services ~~((inventoried pursuant to subsection~~
27 ~~(1) of this section)), to the greatest extent practicable.~~

28 In developing the plan, the office of financial management shall
29 provide an opportunity for comment by the major child-serving systems
30 and regional support networks. The plan shall be submitted to
31 appropriate committees of the legislature on or before December 1,
32 ~~((1991)) 2003, and biennially thereafter.~~

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