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1 AN ACT Relating to the funding of prevention and early intervention
2 services; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.63A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section
5 to chapter 43.121 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention
10 and early intervention services: (a) Produces immediate and long-term
11 improvements for children and families; and (b) avoids future public
12 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse and mental health
13 treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and adult
14 corrections.

15 (2) The department of social and health services shall establish
16 and implement uniform criteria for funding prevention and early
17 intervention services and programs that are either state-operated or
18 contracted. The uniform funding criteria must mandate that all funded
19 programs, at a minimum: (a) Define clear, measurable outcomes; (b) are

1 research-based; (c) can demonstrate their anticipated cost-
2 effectiveness; (d) can demonstrate broad community involvement,
3 support, and partnerships; and (e) conduct an evaluation of their
4 program outcomes.

5 (3) The department shall assure that data regarding program
6 outcomes are collected, analyzed, and reported in a format enabling
7 public review.

8 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
9 intervention services and programs" means the following:

- 10 (a) Alternate response system;
- 11 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 12 (c) Family preservation services;
- 13 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 14 (e) Continuum of care;
- 15 (f) Parent education;
- 16 (g) Early childhood programs;
- 17 (h) Community public health and safety networks;
- 18 (i) Community mobilization program;
- 19 (j) Readiness to learn;
- 20 (k) Youth violence prevention grants;
- 21 (l) Youth suicide prevention program;
- 22 (m) Parent-child assistance program;
- 23 (n) Parent trust programs;
- 24 (o) Home-based services;
- 25 (p) Home support specialists; and
- 26 (q) Public health nurse early intervention program.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 (1) The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention
30 and early intervention services: (a) Produces immediate and long-term
31 improvements for children and families; and (b) avoids future public
32 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse and mental health
33 treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and adult
34 corrections.

35 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development
36 shall establish and implement uniform criteria for funding prevention
37 and early intervention services and programs that are either state-

1 operated or contracted. The uniform funding criteria must mandate that
2 all funded programs, at a minimum: (a) Define clear, measurable
3 outcomes; (b) are research-based; (c) can demonstrate their anticipated
4 cost-effectiveness; (d) can demonstrate broad community involvement,
5 support, and partnerships; and (e) conduct an evaluation of their
6 program outcomes.

7 (3) The department shall assure that data regarding program
8 outcomes are collected, analyzed, and reported in a format enabling
9 public review.

10 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
11 intervention services and programs" means the following:

- 12 (a) Alternate response system;
- 13 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 14 (c) Family preservation services;
- 15 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 16 (e) Continuum of care;
- 17 (f) Parent education;
- 18 (g) Early childhood programs;
- 19 (h) Community public health and safety networks;
- 20 (i) Community mobilization program;
- 21 (j) Readiness to learn;
- 22 (k) Youth violence prevention grants;
- 23 (l) Youth suicide prevention program;
- 24 (m) Parent-child assistance program;
- 25 (n) Parent trust programs;
- 26 (o) Home-based services;
- 27 (p) Home support specialists; and
- 28 (q) Public health nurse early intervention program.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention
32 and early intervention services: (a) Produces immediate and long-term
33 improvements for children and families; and (b) avoids future public
34 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse and mental health
35 treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and adult
36 corrections.

1 (2) The department of health shall establish and implement uniform
2 criteria for funding prevention and early intervention services and
3 programs that are either state-operated or contracted. The uniform
4 funding criteria must mandate that all funded programs, at a minimum:
5 (a) Define clear, measurable outcomes; (b) are research-based; (c) can
6 demonstrate their anticipated cost-effectiveness; (d) can demonstrate
7 broad community involvement, support, and partnerships; and (e) conduct
8 an evaluation of their program outcomes.

9 (3) The department shall assure that data regarding program
10 outcomes are collected, analyzed, and reported in a format enabling
11 public review.

12 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
13 intervention services and programs" means the following:

- 14 (a) Alternate response system;
- 15 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 16 (c) Family preservation services;
- 17 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 18 (e) Continuum of care;
- 19 (f) Parent education;
- 20 (g) Early childhood programs;
- 21 (h) Community public health and safety networks;
- 22 (i) Community mobilization program;
- 23 (j) Readiness to learn;
- 24 (k) Youth violence prevention grants;
- 25 (l) Youth suicide prevention program;
- 26 (m) Parent-child assistance program;
- 27 (n) Parent trust programs;
- 28 (o) Home-based services;
- 29 (p) Home support specialists; and
- 30 (q) Public health nurse early intervention program.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention
34 and early intervention services: (a) Produces immediate and long-term
35 improvements for children and families; and (b) avoids future public
36 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse and mental health

1 treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and adult
2 corrections.

3 (2) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall
4 establish and implement uniform criteria for funding prevention and
5 early intervention services and programs that are either state-operated
6 or contracted. The uniform funding criteria must mandate that all
7 funded programs, at a minimum: (a) Define clear, measurable outcomes;
8 (b) are research-based; (c) can demonstrate their anticipated cost-
9 effectiveness; (d) can demonstrate broad community involvement,
10 support, and partnerships; and (e) conduct an evaluation of their
11 program outcomes.

12 (3) The office shall assure that data regarding program outcomes
13 are collected, analyzed, and reported in a format enabling public
14 review.

15 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
16 intervention services and programs" means the following:

- 17 (a) Alternate response system;
- 18 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 19 (c) Family preservation services;
- 20 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 21 (e) Continuum of care;
- 22 (f) Parent education;
- 23 (g) Early childhood programs;
- 24 (h) Community public health and safety networks;
- 25 (i) Community mobilization program;
- 26 (j) Readiness to learn;
- 27 (k) Youth violence prevention grants;
- 28 (l) Youth suicide prevention program;
- 29 (m) Parent-child assistance program;
- 30 (n) Parent trust programs;
- 31 (o) Home-based services;
- 32 (p) Home support specialists; and
- 33 (q) Public health nurse early intervention program.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 (1) The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention
37 and early intervention services: (a) Produces immediate and long-term

1 improvements for children and families; and (b) avoids future public
2 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse and mental health
3 treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and adult
4 corrections.

5 (2) The Washington council for prevention of child abuse and
6 neglect shall establish and implement uniform criteria for funding
7 prevention and early intervention services and programs that are either
8 state-operated or contracted. The uniform funding criteria must
9 mandate that all funded programs, at a minimum: (a) Define clear,
10 measurable outcomes; (b) are research-based; (c) can demonstrate their
11 anticipated cost-effectiveness; (d) can demonstrate broad community
12 involvement, support, and partnerships; and (e) conduct an evaluation
13 of their program outcomes.

14 (3) The council shall assure that data regarding program outcomes
15 are collected, analyzed, and reported in a format enabling public
16 review.

17 (4) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
18 intervention services and programs" means the following:

- 19 (a) Alternate response system;
- 20 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 21 (c) Family preservation services;
- 22 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 23 (e) Continuum of care;
- 24 (f) Parent education;
- 25 (g) Early childhood programs;
- 26 (h) Community public health and safety networks;
- 27 (i) Community mobilization program;
- 28 (j) Readiness to learn;
- 29 (k) Youth violence prevention grants;
- 30 (l) Youth suicide prevention program;
- 31 (m) Parent-child assistance program;
- 32 (n) Parent trust programs;
- 33 (o) Home-based services;
- 34 (p) Home support specialists; and
- 35 (q) Public health nurse early intervention program.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department of social and health
37 services, the department of community, trade, and economic development,

1 the department of health, the office of superintendent of public
2 instruction, and the Washington council for prevention of child abuse
3 and neglect shall report to the appropriate fiscal and policy
4 committees of the legislature by April 1, 2004, regarding the
5 implementation of the funding criteria for prevention and early
6 intervention services and programs required under this act. The report
7 must include, at a minimum: (1) implementation status of the funding
8 criteria; and (2) a demonstration of the impact of those criteria.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The legislature recognizes the
10 importance of evaluation and outcome measurements of prevention and
11 early intervention programs in order to ensure the cost-effective use
12 of public funds.

13 (2) The Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct
14 a review of existing research to identify specific research-proven
15 prevention and early intervention programs that produce a positive
16 return on the dollar compared to the cost of the program. The
17 Washington state institute for public policy shall also identify
18 possible mechanisms for funding such programs.

19 (3) The Washington state institute for public policy shall report
20 its findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later
21 than January 1, 2004.

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