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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi and Dickerson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the funding of family preservation and
2 intervention services; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the growing
5 research literature on proven family preservation and intervention
6 services can have a positive impact on how these services are funded
7 and delivered in our communities. This body of research helps to
8 demonstrate that successful, effective family preservation and
9 intervention services are cost-effective to the state by measurably
10 reducing rates of child abuse and neglect, out-of-home placement, re-
11 referrals to child protective services, family conflict, and behavioral
12 problems in children who are in out-of-home care.

13 The legislature further finds that while this body of research is
14 instructive in helping to guide decision making, research is by no
15 means static. Research should guide, but not limit, innovation within
16 a local community to best tailor proven prevention and intervention
17 strategies to the particular needs of that community. The legislature
18 finds that the state can benefit greatly from the involvement of

1 individuals who are knowledgeable about research in the field of family
2 preservation and intervention, as well as individuals who are
3 knowledgeable about local community needs.

4 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to establish a new,
5 integrated delivery system for family preservation and intervention
6 services which assures that both research and community perspectives on
7 effective prevention and intervention strategies guide program funding
8 decisions.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is established a family
10 preservation and intervention services legislative task force. The
11 task force shall establish a plan for implementing integration of
12 funding for family preservation and intervention services in the state.

13 (2) The membership of the task force must include the following:

14 (a) Individuals with expertise in research on effective family
15 preservation and intervention services; (b) individuals with expertise
16 in community-based provision of family preservation and intervention
17 services; (c) current or former recipients of family preservation and
18 intervention services; (d) representatives of the Washington state
19 institute for public policy; and (e) representatives of the department
20 of social and health services, including regional office
21 representatives.

22 (3) The task force shall consist of fifteen members as follows:

23 (a) Eleven members appointed by the secretary of the department of
24 social and health services; and

25 (b) Four members of the legislature, one from each political caucus
26 of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the
27 house of representatives and one from each political caucus of the
28 senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, each of whom
29 shall serve as ex officio members of the task force.

30 (4) The task force shall elect a chair from among its members.
31 Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the
32 same manner as the original appointments.

33 (5) Nongovernmental members of the task force shall be reimbursed
34 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
35 Legislative members of the task force shall serve without additional
36 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance

1 with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the task force or on
2 official business authorized by the task force.

3 (6) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the house
4 of representatives office of program research and senate committee
5 services.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The family preservation and intervention
7 services task force shall, at a minimum:

8 (1) Propose a decision-making structure for the distribution of
9 funds appropriated for family preservation and intervention services,
10 which emphasizes community involvement and takes into account regional
11 differences;

12 (2) Clearly define a request for proposal process for the
13 distribution of funds appropriated for family preservation and
14 intervention services, including a proposal for a system of rating
15 proposals;

16 (3) Propose a formula for the equitable, statewide distribution of
17 funds appropriated for family preservation and intervention services;

18 (4) Define populations to be served with funds appropriated for
19 family preservation and intervention services, which must include
20 families at risk of further involvement with child protective services
21 and families whose children are at risk of being placed outside the
22 home or who have already been placed outside the home;

23 (5) Identify services eligible for funds appropriated for family
24 preservation and intervention services; and

25 (6) Determine criteria that programs must meet in order to qualify
26 for funds appropriated for family preservation and intervention
27 services, including, at a minimum, identification of: (a) Clear,
28 measurable outcomes; (b) research that may be applicable; (c)
29 anticipated cost-effectiveness; (d) broad community involvement,
30 support, and partnerships; and (e) provision of data related to program
31 outcomes.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The family preservation and intervention
33 services task force shall report to the governor and the appropriate
34 fiscal and policy committees of the legislature on the results of its
35 work no later than December 1, 2003.

1 (2) The family preservation and intervention task force shall
2 expire January 1, 2004.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The legislature intends that the department
4 of social and health services shall implement the results of the work
5 of the family preservation and intervention services task force in the
6 2005-2007 biennium.

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