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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Kirby, Quall, Schual-Berke, G. Simpson, Tom, Kenney, McDermott, Boldt, Wood, Linville, Chase, Lantz, O'Brien, Haigh, Conway, Morrell, Miloscia, Kessler, Santos and Clibborn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to early intervention services for children with
2 disabilities; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.155 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds an urgent and substantial need to enhance the
7 development of all infants and toddlers with disabilities in Washington
8 in order to minimize developmental delays and to maximize individual
9 potential for learning and functioning.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 By September 1, 2008, each school district shall provide or
13 contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with
14 disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be
15 determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with
16 disabilities education act and as specified in WAC 392-172-114. School
17 districts shall provide or contract for early intervention services in
18 partnership with local birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three

1 providers. Services provided under this section shall not supplant
2 services or funding currently provided in the state for early
3 intervention services to eligible children with disabilities from birth
4 to three years of age. The state-designated birth-to-three lead agency
5 shall be payor of last resort for birth-to-three early intervention
6 services provided under this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) There is established a birth-to-three task force to make
10 recommendations concerning policies, procedures, and regulations in
11 order to ensure implementation of an equitable statewide comprehensive
12 system for all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three
13 years of age.

14 (2) Members of the task force shall be jointly appointed by the
15 governor and the superintendent of public instruction by July 1, 2004,
16 and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

17 (a) Representatives of the following: Special education operations
18 within the office of superintendent of public instruction; the
19 Washington association of school administrators; the Washington state
20 school directors' association; an educational service district; a large
21 school district; the special education advisory council; the infant
22 toddler early intervention program within the department of social and
23 health services; the developmental disabilities section of the
24 association of county human services; the medical assistance
25 administration within the department of social and health services; the
26 governor's head start state collaboration office; the division of child
27 care and early learning within the department of social and health
28 services; the children with special health care needs program within
29 the department of health; a local health department/district; an Indian
30 tribe providing early intervention services; the Washington state
31 chapter of the American academy of pediatrics; the early childhood
32 development association of Washington; the neurodevelopmental centers
33 of Washington; a nonprofit local birth-to-three lead agency, which is
34 not already represented in the membership of the task force; and an
35 advocacy group for children with disabilities from birth to three years
36 of age and their families; and

1 (b) A special education director from a school district providing
2 early intervention services; a special education director from a school
3 district not providing early intervention services; and four members of
4 the state interagency coordinating council for infants and toddlers
5 with disabilities and their families, three of whom shall be parents.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.155
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The birth-to-three task force shall submit a report to the governor
9 and the superintendent of public instruction by December 1, 2006,
10 outlining their recommendations.

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