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1 AN ACT Relating to early intervention services from birth to three
2 for children with disabilities; adding new sections to chapter 28A.155
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds an urgent and
6 substantial need to enhance the development of all infants and toddlers
7 with disabilities in Washington to minimize developmental delays and to
8 maximize individual potential for learning and functioning.

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

11 By September 1, 2008, each school district shall provide or
12 contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with
13 disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be
14 determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with
15 disabilities education act and as specified in WAC 392-172-114. School
16 districts shall provide or contract for early intervention services in
17 partnership with local birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three
18 providers. Services provided under this section shall not supplant

1 services or funding currently provided in the state for early
2 intervention services to eligible children with disabilities from birth
3 to three years of age. The state-designated birth-to-three lead agency
4 shall be payor of last resort for birth-to-three early intervention
5 services provided under this section.

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

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

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

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

36 (b) A special education director from a school district providing
37 early intervention services; a special education director from a school

1 district not providing early intervention services; and four members of
2 the state interagency coordinating council for infants and toddlers
3 with disabilities and their families, three of whom shall be parents.

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

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

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