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**By** Senators Rasmussen, Deccio, McAuliffe, Fairley, Regala, Eide, Doumit, Shin, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Fraser, Benton, Kline, Winsley, Kohl-Welles, Kastama, Spanel, Franklin, Jacobsen, B. Sheldon, Keiser, Mulliken, Roach and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to autism; creating new sections; and making an  
2 appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically  
6 appears during the first three years of life;

7 (2) As many as one million five hundred thousand Americans are  
8 believed to have some form of autism;

9 (3) The number of children with autism is increasing;

10 (4) Researchers are investigating a number of theories, including  
11 the link between heredity, genetics, and medical problems, and the  
12 relationship between vaccines and autism; and

13 (5) Research into the causes and prevention of autism is urgently  
14 needed.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall contract for  
16 a study on the causes and prevention of autism. The department shall  
17 submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by

1 December 1, 2005, that includes recommendations to help decrease the  
2 incidence of autism in Washington state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
4 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
5 the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund to the  
6 department of health for the purposes of this act.

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