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1 AN ACT Relating to investments in cost-effective intervention  
2 programs for juvenile justice-involved youth; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 13.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.135 RCW; creating  
4 new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are youth  
7 and family-focused intervention services that have been proven through  
8 rigorous evaluation in the state of Washington and elsewhere to  
9 significantly reduce violence and crime while saving more public safety  
10 dollars than they cost. Under current state laws, no local government  
11 acting alone has the financial incentive to invest in these cost-  
12 effective services because the savings accrue to multiple levels of  
13 government with the largest savings going to the state. It is the  
14 intent of the legislature to create incentives for local government to  
15 invest in cost-effective intervention services that reduce crime by  
16 reimbursing local governments with a portion of the cost savings that  
17 accrue to the state as the result of local investments in such  
18 services.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1)    The department of social and health services juvenile  
4 rehabilitation administration shall establish a reinvesting in youth  
5 program that awards grants to counties for implementing research-based  
6 early intervention services that target juvenile justice-involved youth  
7 and reduce crime, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated  
8 for this specific purpose.

9        (2)    Effective July 1, 2007, any county or group of counties may  
10 apply for participation in the reinvesting in youth program.

11        (3)    Counties that participate in the reinvesting in youth program  
12 shall have a portion of their costs of serving youth through the  
13 research-based intervention service models paid for with moneys from  
14 the reinvesting in youth account established pursuant to section 4 of  
15 this act.

16        (4)    The department of social and health services juvenile  
17 rehabilitation administration shall review county applications for  
18 funding through the reinvesting in youth program and shall select the  
19 counties that will be awarded grants with funds appropriated to  
20 implement this program.    The department, in consultation with the  
21 Washington state institute for public policy, shall develop guidelines  
22 to determine which counties will be awarded funding in accordance with  
23 the reinvesting in youth program.    At a minimum, counties must meet the  
24 following criteria in order to participate in the reinvesting in youth  
25 program:

26        (a)    Counties must match state moneys awarded for research-based  
27 early intervention services with nonstate resources that are at least  
28 proportional to the expected local government share of state and local  
29 government cost avoidance that would result from the implementation of  
30 such services;

31        (b)    Counties must demonstrate that state funds allocated pursuant  
32 to this section are used only for the intervention service models  
33 authorized pursuant to section 3 of this act;

34        (c)    Counties must participate fully in the state quality assurance  
35 program established in section 6 of this act to ensure fidelity of  
36 program implementation.    If no state quality assurance program is in  
37 effect for a particular selected research-based service, the county

1 must submit a quality assurance plan for state approval with its grant  
2 application. Failure to demonstrate continuing compliance with quality  
3 assurance plans shall be grounds for termination of state funding; and

4 (d) Counties that submit joint applications must submit for  
5 approval by the department of social and health services juvenile  
6 rehabilitation administration multicounty plans for efficient program  
7 delivery.

8 (5) The department of social and health services juvenile  
9 rehabilitation administration shall convene a technical advisory  
10 committee comprised of representatives from the house of  
11 representatives, the senate, the governor's office of financial  
12 management, the department of social and health services juvenile  
13 rehabilitation administration, the family policy council, the juvenile  
14 court administrator's association, and the Washington association of  
15 counties to assist in the implementation of this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 (1)(a) In order to receive funding through the reinvesting in youth  
19 program established pursuant to section 2 of this act, intervention  
20 service models must meet the following minimum criteria:

21 (i) There must be scientific evidence from at least one rigorous  
22 evaluation study of the specific service model that measures recidivism  
23 reduction;

24 (ii) There must be evidence that the specific service model's  
25 results can be replicated outside of an academic research environment;

26 (iii) The evaluation or evaluations of the service model must  
27 permit dollar cost estimates of both benefits and costs so that the  
28 benefit-cost ratio of the model can be calculated; and

29 (iv) The public taxpayer benefits to all levels of state and local  
30 government must exceed the service model costs.

31 (b) In calendar year 2006, for use beginning in fiscal year 2008,  
32 the Washington state institute for public policy shall publish a list  
33 of service models that are eligible for reimbursement through the  
34 investing in youth program. As authorized by the board of the  
35 institute and to the extent necessary to respond to new research and  
36 information, the institute shall periodically update the list of  
37 service models. The institute shall use the technical advisory

1 committee established in section 2(5) of this act to review and provide  
2 comments on the list of service models that are eligible for  
3 reimbursement.

4 (2) In calendar year 2006, for use beginning in fiscal year 2008,  
5 the Washington state institute for public policy shall review and  
6 update the methodology for calculating cost savings resulting from  
7 implementation of this program. As authorized by the board of the  
8 institute and to the extent necessary to respond to new research and  
9 information, the institute shall periodically further review and update  
10 the methodology. As authorized by the board of the institute, when the  
11 institute reviews and updates the methodology for calculating cost  
12 savings, the institute shall provide an estimate of savings and avoided  
13 costs resulting from this program, along with a projection of future  
14 savings and avoided costs, to the appropriate committees of the  
15 legislature. The institute shall use the technical advisory committee  
16 established in section 2(5) of this act to review and provide comments  
17 on its methodology and cost calculations.

18 (3) In calendar year 2006, for use beginning in fiscal year 2008,  
19 the department of social and health services' juvenile rehabilitation  
20 administration shall establish a distribution formula to provide  
21 funding to local governments that implement research-based intervention  
22 services pursuant to this program. The department shall periodically  
23 update the distribution formula. The distribution formula shall  
24 require that the state allocation to local governments be proportional  
25 to the expected state government share of state and local government  
26 cost avoidance that would result from the implementation of such  
27 services based on the methodology maintained by the Washington state  
28 institute for public policy pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.  
29 The department shall use the technical advisory committee established  
30 in section 2(5) of this act to review and provide comments on its  
31 proposed distribution formula.

32 (4) The department of social and health services juvenile  
33 rehabilitation administration shall provide a report to the legislature  
34 on the initial cost savings calculation methodology and distribution  
35 formula by October 1, 2006.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
37 to read as follows:

1 (1) The reinvesting in youth account is created in the state  
2 treasury. Moneys in the account shall be spent only after  
3 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used to reimburse  
4 local governments for the implementation of the reinvesting in youth  
5 program established in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

6 (2) Revenues to the reinvesting in youth account consist of  
7 revenues appropriated to or deposited in the account.

8 (3) The department of social and health services juvenile  
9 rehabilitation administration shall review and monitor the expenditures  
10 made by any county or group of counties that is funded, in whole or in  
11 part, with funds provided through the reinvesting in youth account.  
12 Counties shall repay any funds that are not spent in accordance with  
13 sections 2 and 3 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 RCW 43.135.035(4) does not apply to the transfers established in  
17 section 4 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 The department of social and health services juvenile  
21 rehabilitation administration shall establish a state quality assurance  
22 program. The juvenile rehabilitation administration shall monitor the  
23 implementation of intervention services funded pursuant to section 4 of  
24 this act and shall evaluate adherence to service model design and  
25 service completion rate.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
27 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
28 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
29 void.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Nothing in this act creates an entitlement  
31 for a county or group of counties to receive funding under the program  
32 in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    This act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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