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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Tom, Kagi, Hankins, Haler, Cody, Priest, Campbell, Kessler, Dunshee, Clibborn, Wallace, Dickerson, Linville, Fromhold, Hunter, Green, Morrell, Darneille, McDermott, Simpson, Chase, O'Brien, Sells, Roberts, Kilmer, Moeller and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 03/07/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing access to health services for  
2 children through the "kids get care" service delivery model; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the health of  
6 the children of Washington state is critical to their success in school  
7 and throughout their lives. While health insurance coverage is a  
8 substantial component of achieving better health outcomes for children,  
9 ensuring access to essential preventive and well-child health services  
10 is equally important. Preventive and well-child health services are a  
11 cost-effective investment of both public and private dollars that  
12 improves the health of children and of our communities at large.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that "kids get care" assures that  
14 integrated preventive medical, oral, and developmental health services  
15 are provided to young children. Improving the delivery of well child  
16 visits, preventive oral health services, and developmental screening  
17 can reduce the need for hospitalization, caries treatment, and  
18 developmental interventions. "Kids get care" expands the use of  
19 evidence-based preventive measures in community health centers and

1 private medical practices that treat many low-income children. "Kids  
2 get care" also strengthens the connections between social service  
3 agencies working with low-income families and local health care  
4 providers.

5 (3) It is therefore the intent of the legislature to facilitate  
6 low-income children's access to appropriate preventive and well-child  
7 services and to other necessary health, mental health, and dental  
8 services by supporting the extension of the successful "kids get care"  
9 model for delivering health services to children.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) The department of health shall develop and implement best  
13 practices in preventive health care for children statewide. The  
14 department of health and the "kids get care" program of public health -  
15 Seattle and King county shall work in collaboration with local health  
16 care agencies and providers to disseminate strategic interventions that  
17 are focused on evidence-based best practices for improving health  
18 outcomes in children and saving health care costs. An interim report  
19 shall be provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
20 June 30, 2006, on the program's effectiveness and cost savings. A  
21 final report shall be provided by June 30, 2007. The department of  
22 health and the kids get care program of public health - Seattle and  
23 King county shall work with the department of social and health  
24 services to obtain any federal medicaid matching funds that could be  
25 available to support the services of kids get care sites.

26 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
27 specific purpose, and subject to any conditions and limitations in the  
28 appropriations act:

29 (a) The department shall support the infrastructure of the  
30 children's preventive health care collaborative, a structured set of  
31 learning sessions to train medical practices about kids get care.  
32 State appropriations shall be matched by an equal amount of local  
33 funding;

34 (b) The department shall support five additional kids get care  
35 sites to be implemented during fiscal year 2006 and ten additional kids  
36 get care sites to be implemented during fiscal year 2007. The sites

1 shall use the services of a case manager and public health educator to  
2 enhance the ability of health care providers to meet the needs of low-  
3 income children in their care; and

4 (c) The department shall support a structured evaluation of the  
5 kids get care service delivery model. Preventive health care measures  
6 and cost data shall be collected. Outcomes for children cared for by  
7 clinics that are kids get care sites shall be compared to outcomes for  
8 children not receiving care at kids get care sites.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for this act is not  
10 referenced by bill or chapter number in the biennial omnibus  
11 appropriations act by June 30, 2005, this act is null and void.

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