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

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.** \$435,000 of the general fund--state
11 appropriation for fiscal year 2006 and \$760,000 of the general fund--
12 state appropriation for fiscal year 2007 is provided solely to the
13 department of health to develop and implement best practices in
14 preventive health care for children statewide. The department of
15 health and the "kids get care" program of public health - Seattle and
16 King county shall work in collaboration with local health care agencies
17 and providers to disseminate strategic interventions that are focused
18 on evidence-based best practices for improving health outcomes in
19 children and saving health care costs. An interim report shall be
20 provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30,
21 2006, on the program's effectiveness and cost savings. A final report
22 shall be provided by June 30, 2007. The department of health and the
23 kids get care program of public health - Seattle and King county shall
24 work with the department of social and health services to obtain any
25 federal medicaid matching funds that could be available to support the
26 services of kids get care sites.

27 (1) Of this amount, \$50,000 is provided for state fiscal year 2006
28 and \$50,000 is provided for state fiscal year 2007 solely to support
29 the infrastructure of the children's preventive health care
30 collaborative, a structured set of learning sessions to train medical
31 practices about kids get care. This amount shall be matched by an
32 equal amount of local funding;

33 (2) Of this amount, \$325,000 is provided for state fiscal year 2006
34 solely to support five additional kids get care sites to be implemented
35 during that fiscal year, and \$650,000 is provided for state fiscal year
36 2007 solely to support ten additional kids get care sites to be
37 implemented during that fiscal year. The sites shall use the services

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

4 (3) Of this amount, \$60,000 is provided for state fiscal year 2006
5 and \$60,000 is provided for state fiscal year 2007 solely for a
6 structured evaluation of the kids get care service delivery model.
7 Preventive health care measures and cost data shall be collected.
8 Outcomes for children cared for by clinics that are kids get care sites
9 shall be compared to outcomes for children not receiving care at kids
10 get care sites.

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