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1 AN ACT Relating to development and funding of evidence-based
2 prevention and intervention services; and adding a new chapter to Title
3 43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is credible
6 evidence that certain well-implemented prevention and intervention
7 programs can achieve significantly more benefits than costs. As
8 research continues to develop, the array of proven prevention and
9 intervention programs continues to expand. By keeping abreast of the
10 latest research and investing in proven prevention and intervention
11 programs, the state can ensure the best possible return on the
12 investment of the state's resources.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The prevention and intervention investment
14 council is hereby created to direct and support the following:

15 (1) The investment of state resources in evidence-based prevention
16 and intervention programs in the state; and

17 (2) Ongoing research and evaluation of sound, theory-based

1 prevention and intervention programs with the goal of expanding the
2 number and type of available evidence-based programs.

3 In conducting its work, the council shall consult a broad range of
4 available research, including research conducted by the Washington
5 state institute for public policy on prevention and early intervention
6 programs.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The prevention and intervention
8 investment council shall develop and maintain a defined menu of
9 evidence-based prevention and intervention programs that have been
10 demonstrated to achieve significantly more benefits than costs with
11 respect to the two following outcomes: Reduction in child abuse; and
12 reduction in child neglect.

13 (2) The council shall also develop guidelines for implementation of
14 the identified programs, which shall address quality control, adherence
15 to program design, monitoring, and evaluation.

16 (3) By July 1, 2006, the council shall identify additional outcomes
17 for which it shall develop and maintain defined menus of evidence-based
18 prevention and intervention programs that have been demonstrated to
19 achieve significantly more benefits than costs with respect to those
20 outcomes.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The prevention and intervention
22 investment council shall consist of nine members as follows:

23 (a) The secretary of the department of social and health services
24 and the director of the office of financial management;

25 (b) Three individuals appointed by the governor, two of whom shall
26 be researchers; and

27 (c) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
28 speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member
29 of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the
30 minority caucus, and two members of the senate appointed by the
31 president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority
32 caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus.

33 (2) Members of the council shall be compensated in accordance with
34 RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided
35 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (3) The council shall employ an executive director who is exempt
2 from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW. The council may fix the
3 compensation of the executive director. The executive director may
4 employ such other staff as are necessary to carry out the purposes of
5 this chapter.

6 (4) The council shall create a prevention and intervention
7 investment work group to provide technical support to the prevention
8 and intervention investment council.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Twenty percent of state spending for
10 alternate response systems, family preservation services, and early
11 intervention public health nurse services shall be spent on evidence-
12 based prevention and intervention programs identified by the prevention
13 and intervention investment council pursuant to section 3(1) of this
14 act. This funding shall be limited to spending for services to
15 families involved with the child welfare system.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Existing state entities that support
17 prevention and intervention programs, including but not limited to the
18 Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, the
19 family policy council, and the governor's juvenile justice advisory
20 committee, shall focus on funding sound, theory-based prevention and
21 intervention programs with the goal of expanding the number and type of
22 available evidence-based programs. These state entities shall
23 coordinate their activities with the activities of the prevention and
24 intervention investment council.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
26 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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