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By Senators McAuliffe, Stevens, Hargrove, Carrell, Franklin, Keiser and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to family reconciliation services; and amending RCW  
2 13.32A.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.040 and 2000 c 123 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Families who are in conflict or who are experiencing problems with  
7 at-risk youth or a child who may be in need of services may request  
8 family reconciliation services from the department. Certificated  
9 employees as defined in RCW 28A.150.060 who believe a student may be an  
10 at-risk youth or a child in need of services may request that the  
11 department provide family reconciliation services to the family. The  
12 department may involve a local multidisciplinary team in its response  
13 in determining the services to be provided and in providing those  
14 services. Such services shall be provided to alleviate personal or  
15 family situations which present a serious and imminent threat to the  
16 health or stability of the child or family and to maintain families  
17 intact wherever possible. Family reconciliation services shall be  
18 designed to develop skills and supports within families to resolve  
19 problems related to at-risk youth, children in need of services, or

1 family conflicts. These services may include but are not limited to  
2 referral to services for suicide prevention, psychiatric or other  
3 medical care, or psychological, mental health, drug or alcohol  
4 treatment, welfare, legal, educational, or other social services, as  
5 appropriate to the needs of the child and the family, and training in  
6 parenting, conflict management, and dispute resolution skills.

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