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By Representative Armstrong

SCOPE AND OBJECT 03/23/2009

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
4 department of social and health services has grown significantly to now
5 encompass thirty percent of the near general fund-state operating
6 budget and thirty-four percent of the total operating budget. The
7 agency has become so large that it: (a) Is difficult to administer;
8 (b) does not have enough focus on critical functions such as protecting
9 children and other vulnerable persons; (c) does not effectively deliver
10 the extensive number of services and programs it is responsible for;
11 (d) leads to higher state costs through the inefficiencies due to the
12 size of the agency; and (e) is difficult to measure the performance of
13 the agency in meeting its goals and responsibilities.

14 (2) The legislature intends to improve the delivery of programs and
15 services, provide more focus on critical functions, and save costs over
16 time by creating four agencies to replace the department of social and
17 health services that are easier to administer and are more flexible in
18 responding to changing circumstances and service delivery. This act
19 abolishes the department of social and health services effective July
20 1, 2011, and creates the following four agencies in its place: (a) The
21 department of economic services, which will conduct financial
22 eligibility evaluations for all the newly created agencies; (b) the
23 department of medical assistance; (c) the department of health and
24 rehabilitative services, which will consist of the long-term care,
25 developmentally disabled, vocational-rehabilitation, mental health, and
26 drug and alcohol substance abuse programs, and the special commitment
27 center; and (d) the department of children's services.

28 (3) The office of financial management and the department of social
29 and health services will develop a plan to implement this act and
30 report to the legislature during the 2010 legislative session. The

1 code reviser will propose changes to the Revised Code of Washington for
2 the 2012 legislative session to make technical corrections necessary as
3 a result of implementing this act.

4 **PART I**

5 **ABOLITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** (1) The department of social and health
7 services is abolished and its powers, duties, and functions are
8 transferred to the appropriate department as divided by the transition
9 team established under section 604 of this act. All references to the
10 secretary or the department of social and health services in the
11 Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director of
12 the appropriate department, or the appropriate department, created
13 under this act.

14 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
15 papers, or written material in the possession of the department of
16 social and health services shall be delivered to the custody of the
17 transition team created under section 604 of this act to be transferred
18 to the appropriate department created under this act. All cabinets,
19 furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible
20 property employed by the department of social and health services shall
21 be made available to the transition team to be transferred to the
22 appropriate department. All funds, credits, or other assets held by
23 the department of social and health services shall be assigned to the
24 appropriate department by the transition team.

25 (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health
26 services shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred
27 and credited to the appropriate department by the transition team.

28 (3) All employees of the department of social and health services
29 are transferred to the jurisdiction of the transition team established
30 under section 604 of this act to be transferred to the appropriate
31 department. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the
32 state civil service law, are assigned to their respective departments
33 to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without
34 any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate
35 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil
36 service.

1 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of
2 social and health services shall be continued and acted upon by the
3 appropriate department created under this act. All existing contracts
4 and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by
5 the appropriate department.

6 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
7 the department of social and health services shall not affect the
8 validity of any act performed before the effective date of this
9 section.

10 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
11 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
12 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
13 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
14 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
15 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

16 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any
17 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing
18 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or
19 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public
20 employment relations commission as provided by law.

21 **PART II**

22 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SERVICES**

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** There is created a department of state
24 government to be known as the department of economic services. The
25 department is vested with all powers and duties transferred to it under
26 this chapter, section 604 of this act, and such other powers and duties
27 as may be authorized by law. The department shall be located in the
28 facilities of the department of social and health services.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202.** The definitions in this section apply
30 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

31 (1) "Department" means the department of economic services.

32 (2) "Director" means the director of economic services.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203.** The executive head and appointing
34 authority of the department is the director. The director shall be

1 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall
2 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a
3 salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.
4 If a vacancy occurs in the position while the senate is not in session,
5 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting
6 of the senate.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204.** It is the intent of the legislature
8 wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under
9 the control of the director in order that the director may institute
10 therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business
11 that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever
12 the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the
13 director has complete charge and supervisory powers over the
14 department. The director may create such administrative structures as
15 the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by
16 law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as
17 necessary for the general administration of the department. This
18 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,
19 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** The director shall appoint a deputy
21 director, a department personnel director, and such assistant directors
22 as may be needed to administer the department. The deputy director
23 shall have charge and general supervision of the department in the
24 absence or disability of the director and, in case of a vacancy in the
25 office of director, shall continue in charge of the department until a
26 successor is appointed and qualified, or until the governor appoints an
27 acting director.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206.** Any power or duty vested in or transferred
29 to the director by law or executive order may be delegated by the
30 director to the deputy director or to any other assistant or
31 subordinate; but the director shall be responsible for the official
32 acts of the officers and employees of the department.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 207.** In furtherance of the policy of the state
34 to cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under

1 the jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary
2 to entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted,
3 unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization
4 carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal
5 requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal
6 funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department
7 that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be
8 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with
9 federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the
10 various programs of the department. If any law dealing with the
11 department is ruled to be in conflict with federal requirements that
12 are a prescribed condition of the allocation of federal funds to the
13 state, or to any departments or agencies thereof, the conflicting part
14 is declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 208.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions
18 of this chapter shall not apply in the department of economic services
19 to the director, the director's personal secretary, the deputy
20 director, all division directors and assistant directors, and one
21 confidential secretary for each of these officers.

22 **PART III**
23 **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** There is created a department of state
25 government to be known as the department of medical assistance. The
26 department is vested with all powers and duties transferred to it under
27 this chapter, section 604 of this act, and such other powers and duties
28 as may be authorized by law. The department shall be located in the
29 facilities of the department of social and health services.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** The definitions in this section apply
31 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

32 (1) "Department" means the department of medical assistance.

33 (2) "Director" means the director of medical assistance.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303.** The executive head and appointing
2 authority of the department is the director. The director shall be
3 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall
4 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a
5 salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.
6 If a vacancy occurs in the position while the senate is not in session,
7 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting
8 of the senate.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304.** It is the intent of the legislature
10 wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under
11 the control of the director in order that the director may institute
12 therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business
13 that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever
14 the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the
15 director has complete charge and supervisory powers over the
16 department. The director may create such administrative structures as
17 the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by
18 law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as
19 necessary for the general administration of the department. This
20 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,
21 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305.** The director shall appoint a deputy
23 director, a department personnel director, and such assistant directors
24 as may be needed to administer the department. The deputy director
25 shall have charge and general supervision of the department in the
26 absence or disability of the director and, in case of a vacancy in the
27 office of director, shall continue in charge of the department until a
28 successor is appointed and qualified, or until the governor appoints an
29 acting director.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306.** Any power or duty vested in or transferred
31 to the director by law or executive order may be delegated by the
32 director to the deputy director or to any other assistant or
33 subordinate; but the director shall be responsible for the official
34 acts of the officers and employees of the department.

1 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 307.** In furtherance of the policy of the state
2 to cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under
3 the jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary
4 to entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted,
5 unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization
6 carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal
7 requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal
8 funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department
9 that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be
10 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with
11 federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the
12 various programs of the department. If any law dealing with the
13 department is ruled to be in conflict with federal requirements that
14 are a prescribed condition of the allocation of federal funds to the
15 state, or to any departments or agencies thereof, the conflicting part
16 is declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict.

17 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 308.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions
20 of this chapter shall not apply in the department of medical assistance
21 to the director, the director's personal secretary, the deputy
22 director, all division directors and assistant directors, and one
23 confidential secretary for each of these officers.

24 **PART IV**
25 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

26 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 401.** There is created a department of state
27 government to be known as the department of health and rehabilitative
28 services. The department is vested with all powers and duties
29 transferred to it under this chapter, section 604 of this act, and such
30 other powers and duties as may be authorized by law. The department
31 shall be located in the facilities of the department of social and
32 health services.

33 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 402.** The definitions in this section apply
34 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Department" means the department of health and rehabilitative
2 services.

3 (2) "Director" means the director of health and rehabilitative
4 services.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** The executive head and appointing
6 authority of the department is the director. The director shall be
7 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall
8 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a
9 salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.
10 If a vacancy occurs in the position while the senate is not in session,
11 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting
12 of the senate.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 404.** It is the intent of the legislature
14 wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under
15 the control of the director in order that the director may institute
16 therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business
17 that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever
18 the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the
19 director has complete charge and supervisory powers over the
20 department. The director may create such administrative structures as
21 the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by
22 law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as
23 necessary for the general administration of the department. This
24 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,
25 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 405.** The director shall appoint a deputy
27 director, a department personnel director, and such assistant directors
28 as may be needed to administer the department. The deputy director
29 shall have charge and general supervision of the department in the
30 absence or disability of the director and, in case of a vacancy in the
31 office of director, shall continue in charge of the department until a
32 successor is appointed and qualified, or until the governor appoints an
33 acting director.

1 this chapter, section 604 of this act, and such other powers and duties
2 as may be authorized by law. The department shall be located in the
3 facilities of the department of social and health services.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Department" means the department of children's services.

7 (2) "Director" means the director of children's services.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** The executive head and appointing
9 authority of the department is the director. The director shall be
10 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall
11 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a
12 salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.
13 If a vacancy occurs in the position while the senate is not in session,
14 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting
15 of the senate.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 504.** It is the intent of the legislature
17 wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under
18 the control of the director in order that the director may institute
19 therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business
20 that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever
21 the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the
22 director has complete charge and supervisory powers over the
23 department. The director may create such administrative structures as
24 the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by
25 law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as
26 necessary for the general administration of the department. This
27 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,
28 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505.** The director shall appoint a deputy
30 director, a department personnel director, and such assistant directors
31 as may be needed to administer the department. The deputy director
32 shall have charge and general supervision of the department in the
33 absence or disability of the director and, in case of a vacancy in the

1 office of director, shall continue in charge of the department until a
2 successor is appointed and qualified, or until the governor appoints an
3 acting director.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** Any power or duty vested in or transferred
5 to the director by law or executive order may be delegated by the
6 director to the deputy director or to any other assistant or
7 subordinate; but the director shall be responsible for the official
8 acts of the officers and employees of the department.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 507.** In furtherance of the policy of the state
10 to cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under
11 the jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary
12 to entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted,
13 unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization
14 carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal
15 requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal
16 funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department
17 that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be
18 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with
19 federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the
20 various programs of the department. If any law dealing with the
21 department is ruled to be in conflict with federal requirements that
22 are a prescribed condition of the allocation of federal funds to the
23 state, or to any departments or agencies thereof, the conflicting part
24 is declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 508.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions
28 of this chapter shall not apply in the department of children's
29 services to the director, the director's personal secretary, the deputy
30 director, all division directors and assistant directors, and one
31 confidential secretary for each of these officers.

32 **PART VI**
33 **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1 **Sec. 601.** RCW 43.17.010 and 2007 c 341 s 46 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 There shall be departments of the state government which shall be
4 known as (1) ~~((the department of social and health services, (2))~~ the
5 department of ecology, ~~((3))~~ (2) the department of labor and
6 industries, ~~((4))~~ (3) the department of agriculture, ~~((5))~~ (4) the
7 department of fish and wildlife, ~~((6))~~ (5) the department of
8 transportation, ~~((7))~~ (6) the department of licensing, ~~((8))~~ (7)
9 the department of general administration, ~~((9))~~ (8) the department of
10 community, trade, and economic development, ~~((10))~~ (9) the department
11 of veterans affairs, ~~((11))~~ (10) the department of revenue, ~~((12))~~
12 (11) the department of retirement systems, ~~((13))~~ (12) the department
13 of corrections, ~~((14))~~ (13) the department of health, ~~((15))~~ (14)
14 the department of financial institutions, ~~((16))~~ (15) the department
15 of archaeology and historic preservation, ~~((17))~~ (16) the department
16 of early learning, ~~((and (18))~~ (17) the Puget Sound partnership, (18)
17 the department of economic services, (19) the department of medical
18 assistance, (20) the department of health and rehabilitative services,
19 and (21) the department of children's services, which shall be charged
20 with the execution, enforcement, and administration of such laws, and
21 invested with such powers and required to perform such duties, as the
22 legislature may provide.

23 **Sec. 602.** RCW 43.17.020 and 2007 c 341 s 47 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
26 known as: (1) ~~((The secretary of social and health services, (2))~~ The
27 director of ecology, ((3)) (2) the director of labor and industries,
28 ~~((4))~~ (3) the director of agriculture, ~~((5))~~ (4) the director of
29 fish and wildlife, ~~((6))~~ (5) the secretary of transportation, ~~((7))~~
30 (6) the director of licensing, ~~((8))~~ (7) the director of general
31 administration, ~~((9))~~ (8) the director of community, trade, and
32 economic development, ~~((10))~~ (9) the director of veterans affairs,
33 ~~((11))~~ (10) the director of revenue, ~~((12))~~ (11) the director of
34 retirement systems, ~~((13))~~ (12) the secretary of corrections,
35 ~~((14))~~ (13) the secretary of health, ~~((15))~~ (14) the director of
36 financial institutions, ~~((16))~~ (15) the director of the department of
37 archaeology and historic preservation, ~~((17))~~ (16) the director of

1 early learning, (~~and (18)~~) (17) the executive director of the Puget
2 Sound partnership, (18) the director of economic services, (19) the
3 director of medical assistance, (20) the director of health and
4 rehabilitative services, and (21) the director of children's services.

5 Such officers, except the director of fish and wildlife, shall be
6 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold
7 office at the pleasure of the governor. The director of fish and
8 wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife commission as
9 prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

10 **Sec. 603.** RCW 42.17.2401 and 2007 c 341 s 48, 2007 c 241 s 2, and
11 2007 c 15 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of RCW 42.17.240, the term "executive state
13 officer" includes:

14 (1) The chief administrative law judge, the director of
15 agriculture, the administrator of the Washington basic health plan, the
16 director of the department of services for the blind, the director of
17 the state system of community and technical colleges, the director of
18 community, trade, and economic development, the secretary of
19 corrections, the director of early learning, the director of ecology,
20 the commissioner of employment security, the chair of the energy
21 facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state finance
22 committee, the director of financial management, the director of fish
23 and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices appeals
24 board, the director of the gambling commission, the director of general
25 administration, the secretary of health, the administrator of the
26 Washington state health care authority, the executive secretary of the
27 health care facilities authority, the executive secretary of the higher
28 education facilities authority, the executive secretary of the horse
29 racing commission, the executive secretary of the human rights
30 commission, the executive secretary of the indeterminate sentence
31 review board, the director of the department of information services,
32 the executive director of the state investment board, the director of
33 labor and industries, the director of licensing, the director of the
34 lottery commission, the director of the office of minority and women's
35 business enterprises, the director of parks and recreation, the
36 director of personnel, the executive director of the public disclosure
37 commission, the executive director of the Puget Sound partnership, the

1 director of the recreation and conservation office, the director of
2 retirement systems, the director of revenue, (~~the secretary of social~~
3 ~~and health services,~~) the chief of the Washington state patrol, the
4 executive secretary of the board of tax appeals, the secretary of
5 transportation, the secretary of the utilities and transportation
6 commission, the director of veterans affairs, the president of each of
7 the regional and state universities and the president of The Evergreen
8 State College, (~~and~~) each district and each campus president of each
9 state community college, the director of economic services, the
10 director of medical assistance, the director of health and
11 rehabilitative services, and the director of children's services;

12 (2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;

13 (3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

14 (4) Central Washington University board of trustees, the boards of
15 trustees of each community college and each technical college, each
16 member of the state board for community and technical colleges, state
17 convention and trade center board of directors, committee for deferred
18 compensation, Eastern Washington University board of trustees,
19 Washington economic development finance authority, The Evergreen State
20 College board of trustees, executive ethics board, forest practices
21 appeals board, forest practices board, gambling commission, life
22 sciences discovery fund authority board of trustees, Washington health
23 care facilities authority, each member of the Washington health
24 services commission, higher education coordinating board, higher
25 education facilities authority, horse racing commission, state housing
26 finance commission, human rights commission, indeterminate sentence
27 review board, board of industrial insurance appeals, information
28 services board, (~~recreation and conservation funding board,~~) state
29 investment board, commission on judicial conduct, legislative ethics
30 board, liquor control board, lottery commission, marine oversight
31 board, Pacific Northwest electric power and conservation planning
32 council, parks and recreation commission, board of pilotage
33 commissioners, pollution control hearings board, public disclosure
34 commission, public pension commission, shorelines (~~hearings~~)
35 hearings board, public employees' benefits board, recreation and
36 conservation funding board, salmon recovery funding board, board of tax
37 appeals, transportation commission, University of Washington board of
38 regents, utilities and transportation commission, Washington state

1 maritime commission, Washington personnel resources board, Washington
2 public power supply system executive board, Washington State University
3 board of regents, Western Washington University board of trustees, and
4 fish and wildlife commission.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 604.** (1) By July 1, 2009, the governor shall
6 appoint a transition team to direct the details of administration of
7 this act. The team shall consist of representatives from the office of
8 financial management and the divisions of the department of social and
9 health services.

10 (2) The transition team shall divide up the functions of the
11 department of social and health services into the new departments set
12 out under this act after the effective date of this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 605.** (1) The transition team created in section
14 604 of this act shall, by January 1, 2010, submit a plan and necessary
15 implementing legislation to the legislature for the division of the
16 department of social and health services so that the new agencies will
17 be operating by July 1, 2011.

18 (2) The plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following
19 elements:

20 (a) Strategies for dividing the existing functions and
21 responsibilities of the department into the appropriate new agency
22 including a strategic plan for each new agency created in this act that
23 includes implementation steps, performance measures, evaluation
24 measures, and methods for collaboration among programs;

25 (b) Recommendations for changes in existing programs and functions
26 of the department of social and health services; and

27 (c) Implementation steps necessary to bring about operation of the
28 new agencies.

29 (3) By December 1, 2011, the code reviser's office shall prepare
30 corrective legislation.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 606.** Sections 201 through 207 of this act
32 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 607.** Sections 301 through 307 of this act
34 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 608.** Sections 401 through 407 of this act
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 609.** Sections 501 through 507 of this act
4 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 610.** Part headings used in this act are not
6 part of the law.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 611.** Section 604 of this act is necessary for
8 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
9 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
10 and takes effect immediately.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 612.** Sections 101, 201 through 208, 301 through
12 308, 401 through 408, 501 through 508, and 601 through 603 of this act
13 take effect July 1, 2011.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 613.** If any provision of this act or its
15 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
16 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
17 persons or circumstances is not affected."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Separates the department of social and health services
into four state agencies. Provides for a transition team to develop
and submit a plan and necessary implementing legislation to the
legislature that divides the department of social and health services
so that the new agencies will be operating by July 1, 2011.

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