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By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Within existing resources, the nongovernmental private-public
6 partnership designated in RCW 43.215.070 shall develop a framework for
7 home visiting in Washington, to include but not be limited to setting
8 clear goals, outcome measures, and an evaluation process. Existing
9 programs that are funded by the public or private sector shall be
10 considered when developing the framework. The partnership shall
11 consult with experts in the health, child abuse prevention, and school
12 readiness fields.

13 (2)(a) The home visiting services account is created in the custody
14 of the state treasurer. Revenues to the account shall consist of
15 appropriations by the legislature, not before July 1, 2013, and all
16 other sources deposited in the account.

17 (b) Expenditures from the account shall be used for state matching
18 funds for the purposes of the program established in this section
19 including administrative expenses. Only the director, or the
20 director's designee, may authorize expenditures from the account.
21 Authorizations for expenditures may be given only after private funds
22 are committed and available.

23 (c) Expenditures from the account are exempt from the
24 appropriations and allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW. However,
25 amounts used for program administration by the department are subject
26 to the allotment and budgetary controls of chapter 43.88 RCW, and an
27 appropriation is required for these expenditures.

28 (3) The department must expend moneys from the account to provide
29 state matching funds for partnership activities to implement home

1 visiting services and administer the infrastructure necessary to
2 develop, support, and evaluate evidence-based, research-based, and
3 promising home visiting programs.

4 (4) Activities eligible for funding through the account include,
5 but are not limited to:

6 (a) Home visiting services that achieve one or more of the
7 following: (i) Enhancing child development and well-being by
8 alleviating the effects on child development of poverty and other known
9 risk factors; (ii) reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect;
10 or (iii) promoting school readiness for young children and their
11 families; and

12 (b) Development and maintenance of the model-specific
13 infrastructure for home visiting programs, including training, quality
14 improvement, and evaluation.

15 (5) Beginning July 1, 2013, the department may contract with the
16 nongovernmental private-public partnership designated in RCW 43.215.070
17 to administer programs funded through the home visiting services
18 account. The department shall monitor performance and provide periodic
19 reports on the use outcomes of the home visiting services account.

20 (6) The nongovernmental private-public partnership shall, in the
21 administration of the programs:

22 (a) Fund programs through a competitive bid process; and

23 (b) Convene an advisory committee of early learning and home
24 visiting experts, including one representative from the department, to
25 advise the partnership regarding research and the distribution of funds
26 from the account to eligible programs.

27 (7) To promote continuity for families receiving home visiting
28 services through programs funded on the effective date of this section,
29 those programs funded under chapter 43.121 RCW shall be funded through
30 June 30, 2015, based on availability of funds and the achievement of
31 stated performance goals. This section does not require any program to
32 receive continuous funding beyond June 30, 2015. Organizations that
33 may receive program funding include local health departments;
34 nonprofit, neighborhood-based, community, regional, or statewide
35 organizations; and federally recognized Indian tribes located in the
36 state."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "to" strike the remainder of
2 the title and insert "home visiting services; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 43.215 RCW."

EFFECT: Directs Thrive by Five to develop a framework for home visiting, to include but not be limited to, setting clear goals, outcome measures, and an evaluation process. Existing programs that are funded by the public or private sector must be considered. Thrive must consult with specific experts. Clarifies that activities eligible for funding include the development and maintenance of the model-specific infrastructure for home visiting programs. Appropriations by the Legislature to the account must not occur before July 1, 2013. DEL is no longer required to contract with Thrive. DEL may contract with Thrive beginning July 2013 instead of July 2010. Current home visiting programs must be funded through June 30, 2015, instead of June 2012. Changes the title from "creating the home visiting services account" to "home visiting services."

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