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1 AN ACT Relating to the organization of the department of social and
2 health services; amending RCW 43.20A.090 and 71.24.360; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall organize the regional service delivery
8 system around three geographic regions.

9 (a) Region I shall include the following counties: Okanogan,
10 Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Grant, Ferry, Lincoln,
11 Adams, Franklin, Stevens, Pend Orielle, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla,
12 Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin.

13 (b) Region II shall include the following counties: Klickitat,
14 Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Lewis, Pierce, Thurston,
15 Grays Harbor, Mason, Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap.

16 (c) Region III shall include the following counties: King,
17 Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan, and Island.

18 (2) Each departmental administration and division shall reorganize

1 its delivery system to be consistent with the department's regional
2 boundaries.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.20A.090 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 515 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 The secretary shall appoint a deputy secretary, a department
6 personnel director, and ~~((such))~~ no more than three assistant
7 secretaries ~~((as shall be needed))~~ to administer the department. The
8 deputy secretary shall have charge and general supervision of the
9 department in the absence or disability of the secretary, and in case
10 of a vacancy in the office of secretary, shall continue in charge of
11 the department until a successor is appointed and qualified, or until
12 the governor shall appoint an acting secretary. ~~((The secretary shall
13 appoint an assistant secretary to administer the juvenile
14 rehabilitation responsibilities required of the department by chapters
15 13.04, 13.40, and 13.50 RCW.))~~ The officers appointed under this
16 section, and exempt from the provisions of the state civil service law
17 ~~((by the terms of RCW 41.06.076))~~, shall be paid salaries to be fixed
18 by the governor in accordance with the procedure established by law for
19 the fixing of salaries for officers exempt from the operation of the
20 state civil service law.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 71.24.360 and 2005 c 504 s 805 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 The department may establish new regional support network
24 boundaries in any part of the state where more than one network chooses
25 not to respond to, or is unable to substantially meet the requirements
26 of, the request for qualifications under section 4, chapter 503, Laws
27 of 2005 or where a regional support network is subject to reprocurement
28 under section 6, chapter 503, Laws of 2005. The department may
29 establish no fewer than ~~((eight))~~ three and no more than ~~((fourteen))~~
30 six regional support networks under this chapter. ~~((No entity shall be
31 responsible for more than three regional support networks.))~~

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