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By House Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Haler, Roberts, Walsh, Goodman, Dickerson, Maxwell, Clibborn, Seaquist, Green, Haigh, Johnson, Kenney, Moeller, and Nelson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the home visiting services account;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

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

6 (1)(a) The home visiting services account is created in the custody
7 of the state treasurer. Revenues to the account shall consist of
8 appropriations by the legislature and all other sources deposited in
9 the account.

10 (b) Expenditures from the account shall be used for state matching
11 funds for the purposes of the program established in this section
12 including administrative expenses. Only the director, or the
13 director's designee, may authorize expenditures from the account.
14 Authorizations for expenditures may be given only after private funds
15 are committed and available.

16 (c) Expenditures from the account are exempt from the
17 appropriations and allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW. However,
18 amounts used for program administration by the department are subject

1 to the allotment and budgetary controls of chapter 43.88 RCW, and an
2 appropriation is required for these expenditures.

3 (2) The department must expend moneys from the account to provide
4 state matching funds for partnership activities to implement home
5 visiting services and administer the infrastructure necessary to
6 develop, support, and evaluate evidence-based, research-based, and
7 promising home visiting programs.

8 (3) Activities eligible for funding through the account include,
9 but are not limited to:

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

16 (b) Development and maintenance of the infrastructure for home
17 visiting programs, including training, quality improvement, and
18 evaluation.

19 (4) Beginning July 1, 2010, the department shall contract with the
20 nongovernmental private-public partnership designated in RCW 43.215.070
21 to administer programs funded through the home visiting services
22 account. The department shall monitor performance and provide periodic
23 reports on the use outcomes of the home visiting services account.

24 (5) The nongovernmental private-public partnership shall, in the
25 administration of the programs:

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

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

31 (6) Programs currently being funded under chapter 43.121 RCW shall
32 be funded through the duration of any contract in force on the
33 effective date of this section if performance goals are being met, but
34 this section does not require any program to receive continuous funding
35 beyond the current contract period. Organizations that may receive
36 program funding include local health departments; nonprofit,
37 neighborhood-based, community, regional, or statewide organizations;
38 and federally recognized Indian tribes located in the state.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The sum of dollars is
2 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, from the general
3 fund to the home visiting services account for the purpose of providing
4 state matching funds for evidence-based, research-based, and promising
5 home visiting programs consistent with the goals expressed in RCW
6 43.121.170 and the programs described in RCW 43.121.180.

7 (2) The sum of dollars, or as much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated from the home visiting services account to
9 the department of early learning for the fiscal biennium ending June
10 30, 2011, solely for administration of services funded by the home
11 visiting services account authorized in section 1 of this act.

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