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**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1858** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Parker, Kagi, Dickerson, Goodman, Lytton, Jacks, Probst, Walsh, Carlyle, Kenney, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/11.

1            AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services'  
2 authority with regard to semi-secure and secure crisis residential  
3 centers and HOPE centers; and amending RCW 74.13.032, 74.15.220, and  
4 74.15.255.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.032 and 2009 c 520 s 53 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8            (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based  
9 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential  
10 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be  
11 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the  
12 department and shall have an average of at least four adult staff  
13 members and in no event less than three adult staff members to every  
14 eight children.

15            (2) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
16 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with  
17 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with  
18 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed under

1 rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include semi-  
2 secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to subsection (1)  
3 of this section.

4 (3) The department shall, in addition to the facilities established  
5 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, establish additional  
6 crisis residential centers pursuant to performance-based contracts with  
7 licensed private group care facilities.

8 (4) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to  
9 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential  
10 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to  
11 RCW 74.15.220 in the same building or structure. The department shall  
12 permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the  
13 facility agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type  
14 of center that is located within the building or structure.

15 (5) The staff at the facilities established under this section  
16 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles  
17 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and structure  
18 to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and the varying  
19 circumstances that cause children to leave their families, and carry  
20 out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090. The  
21 responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers,  
22 be carried out by the department.

23 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The secure facilities located within crisis residential  
24 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW  
25 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one  
26 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall  
27 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

28 ~~((+6))~~ (7) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or  
29 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be  
30 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the  
31 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.15.220 and 1999 c 267 s 12 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 The secretary shall establish HOPE centers that provide no more  
35 than seventy-five beds across the state and may establish HOPE centers  
36 by contract, within funds appropriated by the legislature specifically  
37 for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be operated in a manner to

1 reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not run away.  
2 Street youth may leave a HOPE center during the course of the day to  
3 attend school or other necessary appointments, but the street youth  
4 must be accompanied by an administrator or an administrator's designee.  
5 The street youth must provide the administration with specific  
6 information regarding his or her destination and expected time of  
7 return to the HOPE center. Any street youth who runs away from a HOPE  
8 center shall not be readmitted unless specifically authorized by the  
9 street youth's placement and liaison specialist, and the placement and  
10 liaison specialist shall document with specific factual findings an  
11 appropriate basis for readmitting any street youth to a HOPE center.  
12 HOPE centers are required to have the following:

13 (1) A license issued by the secretary;

14 (2) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social  
15 work, or related field and at least one year of experience working with  
16 street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related  
17 field and five years of experience working with street youth. This  
18 professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time employee,  
19 but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE center at a  
20 ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE center. This  
21 professional shall be known as a placement and liaison specialist.  
22 Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-credentialed in  
23 mental health and chemical dependency. The placement and liaison  
24 specialist shall:

25 (a) Conduct an assessment of the street youth that includes a  
26 determination of the street youth's legal status regarding residential  
27 placement;

28 (b) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally  
29 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate  
30 processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any  
31 street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW  
32 13.34.030 must be referred to the department. The department shall  
33 determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter  
34 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two  
35 hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department  
36 determines is appropriate for out-of-home placement under chapter 13.34  
37 RCW. All of the provisions of chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for  
38 children in need of services or at-risk youth;

1 (c) Interface with other relevant resources and system  
2 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other  
3 needed services for the street youth;

4 (d) Be assigned immediately to each youth and meet with the youth  
5 within eight hours of the youth receiving HOPE center services;

6 (e) Facilitate a physical examination of any street youth who has  
7 not seen a physician within one year prior to residence at a HOPE  
8 center and facilitate evaluation by a county-designated mental health  
9 professional, a chemical dependency specialist, or both if appropriate;  
10 and

11 (f) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street youth's  
12 competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics, and that  
13 will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

14 (3) Staff trained in development needs of street youth as  
15 determined by the secretary, including an administrator who is a  
16 professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a  
17 related field and at least one year of experience working with street  
18 youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related field  
19 and five years of experience working with street youth, who must work  
20 with the placement and liaison specialist to provide appropriate  
21 services on site;

22 (4) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the  
23 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be used  
24 for future program development and service delivery. Data collection  
25 systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols developed by the  
26 secretary;

27 (5) Notification requirements that meet the notification  
28 requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time  
29 must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must  
30 immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a  
31 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred  
32 to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff  
33 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE  
34 center and not return after full consideration of the factors set forth  
35 in RCW 13.32A.130(2)(a) (i) and (ii). The street youth's temporary  
36 placement in the HOPE center must be authorized by the court or the  
37 secretary if the youth is a dependent of the state under chapter 13.34

1 RCW or the department is responsible for the youth under chapter 13.32A  
2 RCW, or by the youth's parent or legal custodian, until such time as  
3 the parent can retrieve the youth who is returning to home;

4 (6) HOPE centers must identify to the department any street youth  
5 it serves who is not returning promptly to home. The department then  
6 must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in chapter  
7 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report that the  
8 youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent should  
9 receive notice from the department;

10 (7) Services that provide counseling and education to the street  
11 youth; and

12 (8) The department shall (~~only~~) award contracts for the operation  
13 of HOPE center beds and responsible living skills programs (~~in~~  
14 ~~departmental regions:~~—(a) ~~With operating secure crisis residential~~  
15 ~~centers; or (b) in which the secretary finds significant progress is~~  
16 ~~made toward opening a secure crisis residential center~~) with the goal  
17 of facilitating the coordination of services provided for youth by such  
18 programs and those services provided by secure and semi-secure crisis  
19 residential centers.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.15.255 and 2010 c 289 s 10 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 (1)(a) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
23 department shall contract for a continuum of short-term stabilization  
24 services pursuant to RCW 13.32A.030 and 74.15.220. The department  
25 shall collaborate with service providers in a manner that allows secure  
26 and semi-secure crisis residential centers and HOPE centers to be  
27 located in a geographically representative manner and to facilitate the  
28 coordination of services provided for youth by such programs. To  
29 achieve efficiencies and increase utilization, the department shall  
30 allow the colocation of these centers in the same building or  
31 structure, except that a youth may not be placed in a secure facility  
32 or the secure portion of a colocated facility except as specifically  
33 authorized by chapter 13.32A RCW. The department shall allow the  
34 colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the facility  
35 agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type of center  
36 that is located within the building or structure. The beds so

1 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program  
2 or center for which they are designated.

3 (b) The department shall adopt rules to allow the licensing of  
4 colocated facilities that include any combination of secure or semi-  
5 secure crisis residential centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030, or HOPE  
6 centers as defined in RCW 74.15.020. Such rules may provide for  
7 flexible payment structures, center specific licensing waivers, or  
8 other appropriate methods to increase utilization and provide  
9 flexibility, while continuing to meet the statutory goals of the  
10 programs. The rules shall provide that a condition of being licensed  
11 as a colocated facility is that the contracting entity must designate  
12 a particular number of beds in the colocated facility to each type of  
13 center that is located within the building or structure. The beds so  
14 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program  
15 or center for which they are designated.

16 (2) The department shall require that to be licensed or continue to  
17 be licensed as a secure or semi-secure crisis residential center or  
18 HOPE center that the center has on staff, or otherwise has access to,  
19 a person who has been trained to work with the needs of sexually  
20 exploited children. For purposes of this ((section)) subsection,  
21 "sexually exploited child" means that person as defined in RCW  
22 13.32A.030(17).

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