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1 AN ACT Relating to the homeless youth population; creating new
2 sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature finds
5 that very little information is known about young children who are
6 homeless. Further, the legislature finds that information about young
7 children who are homeless is necessary to make policy decisions
8 pertaining to early learning, health care, and other social services.
9 For these reasons, it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive
10 analysis of the homeless youth population.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for
12 public policy shall conduct an analysis to identify characteristics
13 of the homeless youth population from birth to age ten. To do so, the
14 Washington state institute for public policy shall consult with
15 applicable governmental and nongovernmental organizations to identify
16 homeless youth and services that they receive, including, but not
17 limited to, data from the homeless client management information
18 system, automated client eligibility system, and any other applicable
19 state and local government sources. The Washington state institute
20 for public policy shall further pursue information gathering

1 techniques with organizations that provide services to homeless youth
2 and their families to identify barriers to accessing services,
3 whether the services available meet the need of the homeless
4 population, and whether there are services needed by this population
5 that are not available. The Washington state institute for public
6 policy shall survey the best practices of other states and make
7 recommendations to the legislature regarding the most cost-effective
8 ways to support this population.

9 (2) To the extent possible using these methods, the Washington
10 state institute for public policy must further identify the number of
11 homeless youth in Washington state from birth to ten years old and
12 the average length of homelessness for this population. The
13 Washington state institute for public policy shall submit an interim
14 report by December 31, 2015, and a final report by June 30, 2016,
15 based on this analysis to the appropriate committees of the
16 legislature.

17 (3) This section expires July 1, 2016.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
19 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
20 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
21 act is null and void.

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