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**By** House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Walsh, Kagi, Fey, Kilduff, Stanford, and McBride; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce)

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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing the homeless youth prevention and  
2 protection act of 2015; amending RCW 43.185C.010, 43.185C.180,  
3 43.185C.250, 43.185C.260, 43.185C.280, 43.185C.285, 43.185C.295,  
4 43.185C.320, 43.185C.325, and 43.185C.330; and reenacting and  
5 amending RCW 13.50.010.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.50.010 and 2015 c 265 s 2 and 2015 c 262 s 1 are  
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (1) For purposes of this chapter:

10 (a) "Good faith effort to pay" means a juvenile offender has  
11 either (i) paid the principal amount in full; (ii) made at least  
12 eighty percent of the value of full monthly payments within the  
13 period from disposition or deferred disposition until the time the  
14 amount of restitution owed is under review; or (iii) can show good  
15 cause why he or she paid an amount less than eighty percent of the  
16 value of full monthly payments;

17 (b) "Juvenile justice or care agency" means any of the following:  
18 Police, diversion units, court, prosecuting attorney, defense  
19 attorney, detention center, attorney general, the legislative  
20 children's oversight committee, the office of the family and  
21 children's ombuds, the department of social and health services and

1 its contracting agencies, schools; persons or public or private  
2 agencies having children committed to their custody; and any  
3 placement oversight committee created under RCW 72.05.415;

4 (c) "Official juvenile court file" means the legal file of the  
5 juvenile court containing the petition or information, motions,  
6 memorandums, briefs, findings of the court, and court orders;

7 (d) "Records" means the official juvenile court file, the social  
8 file, and records of any other juvenile justice or care agency in the  
9 case;

10 (e) "Social file" means the juvenile court file containing the  
11 records and reports of the probation counselor.

12 (2) Each petition or information filed with the court may include  
13 only one juvenile and each petition or information shall be filed  
14 under a separate docket number. The social file shall be filed  
15 separately from the official juvenile court file.

16 (3) It is the duty of any juvenile justice or care agency to  
17 maintain accurate records. To this end:

18 (a) The agency may never knowingly record inaccurate information.  
19 Any information in records maintained by the department of social and  
20 health services relating to a petition filed pursuant to chapter  
21 13.34 RCW that is found by the court to be false or inaccurate shall  
22 be corrected or expunged from such records by the agency;

23 (b) An agency shall take reasonable steps to assure the security  
24 of its records and prevent tampering with them; and

25 (c) An agency shall make reasonable efforts to insure the  
26 completeness of its records, including action taken by other agencies  
27 with respect to matters in its files.

28 (4) Each juvenile justice or care agency shall implement  
29 procedures consistent with the provisions of this chapter to  
30 facilitate inquiries concerning records.

31 (5) Any person who has reasonable cause to believe information  
32 concerning that person is included in the records of a juvenile  
33 justice or care agency and who has been denied access to those  
34 records by the agency may make a motion to the court for an order  
35 authorizing that person to inspect the juvenile justice or care  
36 agency record concerning that person. The court shall grant the  
37 motion to examine records unless it finds that in the interests of  
38 justice or in the best interests of the juvenile the records or parts  
39 of them should remain confidential.

1 (6) A juvenile, or his or her parents, or any person who has  
2 reasonable cause to believe information concerning that person is  
3 included in the records of a juvenile justice or care agency may make  
4 a motion to the court challenging the accuracy of any information  
5 concerning the moving party in the record or challenging the  
6 continued possession of the record by the agency. If the court grants  
7 the motion, it shall order the record or information to be corrected  
8 or destroyed.

9 (7) The person making a motion under subsection (5) or (6) of  
10 this section shall give reasonable notice of the motion to all  
11 parties to the original action and to any agency whose records will  
12 be affected by the motion.

13 (8) The court may permit inspection of records by, or release of  
14 information to, any clinic, hospital, or agency which has the subject  
15 person under care or treatment. The court may also permit inspection  
16 by or release to individuals or agencies, including juvenile justice  
17 advisory committees of county law and justice councils, engaged in  
18 legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes.  
19 Each person granted permission to inspect juvenile justice or care  
20 agency records for research purposes shall present a notarized  
21 statement to the court stating that the names of juveniles and  
22 parents will remain confidential.

23 (9) The court shall release to the caseload forecast council the  
24 records needed for its research and data-gathering functions. Access  
25 to caseload forecast data may be permitted by the council for  
26 research purposes only if the anonymity of all persons mentioned in  
27 the records or information will be preserved.

28 (10) Juvenile detention facilities shall release records to the  
29 caseload forecast council upon request. The commission shall not  
30 disclose the names of any juveniles or parents mentioned in the  
31 records without the named individual's written permission.

32 (11) Requirements in this chapter relating to the court's  
33 authority to compel disclosure shall not apply to the legislative  
34 children's oversight committee or the office of the family and  
35 children's ombuds.

36 (12) For the purpose of research only, the administrative office  
37 of the courts shall maintain an electronic research copy of all  
38 records in the judicial information system related to juveniles.  
39 Access to the research copy is restricted to the Washington state  
40 center for court research. The Washington state center for court

1 research shall maintain the confidentiality of all confidential  
2 records and shall preserve the anonymity of all persons identified in  
3 the research copy. The research copy may not be subject to any  
4 records retention schedule and must include records destroyed or  
5 removed from the judicial information system pursuant to RCW  
6 13.50.270 and 13.50.100(3).

7 (13) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
8 public defense records needed to implement the agency's oversight,  
9 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
10 2.70.020. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
11 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
12 Washington state office of public defense. The Washington state  
13 office of public defense shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
14 confidential information included in the records.

15 (14) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
16 civil legal aid records needed to implement the agency's oversight,  
17 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
18 2.53.045. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
19 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
20 Washington state office of civil legal aid. The Washington state  
21 office of civil legal aid shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
22 confidential information included in the records, and shall, as soon  
23 as possible, destroy any retained notes or records obtained under  
24 this section that are not necessary for its functions related to RCW  
25 2.53.045.

26 (15) For the purpose of providing for the service needs of youth  
27 who are in foster care, the department of social and health services  
28 may disclose to the department of commerce, and its contractors,  
29 those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may  
30 assist with meeting the service needs of youth admitted to crisis  
31 residential centers or HOPE centers under contract to the office of  
32 homeless youth prevention and protection. Records disclosed under  
33 this subsection retain their confidentiality, and may not be further  
34 disclosed except as permitted by law.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2015 c 69 s 10 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
38 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- 1 (1) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily  
2 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center.
- 3 (2) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed  
4 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department of social and  
5 health services seeking adjudication of placement of the child.
- 6 (3) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public  
7 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.
- 8 (4) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure  
9 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.
- 10 (5) "Department" means the department of commerce.
- 11 (6) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.
- 12 (7) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account  
13 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources  
14 established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other sources  
15 directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.
- 16 (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by which  
17 competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing moneys  
18 from the home security fund account, to local governments for  
19 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and  
20 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing  
21 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other  
22 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.
- 23 (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan developed by  
24 the county or other local government to address housing for homeless  
25 persons.
- 26 (10) "Homeless housing program" means the program authorized  
27 under this chapter as administered by the department at the state  
28 level and by the local government or its designated subcontractor at  
29 the local level.
- 30 (11) "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year plan  
31 developed by the department, in consultation with the interagency  
32 council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board.
- 33 (12) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a  
34 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal  
35 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing  
36 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing  
37 program if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes  
38 substance abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who  
39 are homeless.

1 (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to  
2 provide temporary residential placement and other services to street  
3 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days  
4 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated.  
5 No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by  
6 the department and any additional days approved by the department  
7 must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option.  
8 A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may  
9 remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of  
10 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court  
11 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center  
12 up to thirty days.

13 (14) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations  
14 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

15 (15) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals  
16 along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and  
17 homeownership at the other.

18 (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee  
19 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level  
20 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of  
21 commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the department of  
22 social and health services; (d) the department of veterans affairs;  
23 and (e) the department of health.

24 (17) "Local government" means a county government in the state of  
25 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the  
26 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing  
27 homeless persons within its borders.

28 (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a voluntary local  
29 committee created to advise a local government on the creation of a  
30 local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless  
31 housing program. It must include a representative of the county, a  
32 representative of the largest city located within the county, at  
33 least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other members as  
34 may be required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related  
35 to housing programs and services and if feasible, a representative of  
36 a private nonprofit organization with experience in low-income  
37 housing.

38 (19) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and  
39 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no  
40 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

1 (20) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing  
2 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

3 (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or  
4 portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a  
5 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from  
6 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

7 (22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not  
8 limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family  
9 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed  
10 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the  
11 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable  
12 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no  
13 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night.  
14 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility  
15 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving  
16 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator  
17 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to  
18 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any  
19 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable  
20 time of his or her return to the center.

21 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care  
22 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and  
23 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to  
24 every two children.

25 (24) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide  
26 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities,  
27 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the  
28 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and  
29 collect data on all homeless individuals in Washington.

30 (25) "Washington homeless client management information system"  
31 means a database of information about homeless individuals in the  
32 state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to  
33 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-  
34 sufficiency or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon  
35 their individual situations.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2011 c 239 s 1 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

38 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the  
39 department, within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this

1 specific purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client  
2 management information system for the ongoing collection and updates  
3 of information about all homeless individuals in the state.

4 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington  
5 homeless client management information system shall come from the  
6 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community  
7 organizations providing services to homeless individuals and  
8 families.

9 (a) Personally identifying information about homeless individuals  
10 for the Washington homeless client management information system may  
11 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time  
12 limited (i) written consent from the homeless individual to whom the  
13 information relates, or (ii) telephonic consent from the homeless  
14 individual, provided that written consent is obtained at the first  
15 time the individual is physically present at an organization with  
16 access to the Washington homeless client management information  
17 system. Safeguards consistent with federal requirements on data  
18 collection must be in place to protect homeless individuals' rights  
19 regarding their personally identifying information.

20 (b) Data collection under this subsection shall be done in a  
21 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines  
22 regarding human research which, at a minimum, require that  
23 individuals receive:

24 (i) Information about the expected duration of their  
25 participation in the Washington homeless client management  
26 information system;

27 (ii) An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent  
28 questions about the data collection and their rights regarding their  
29 personal identifying information;

30 (iii) An explanation regarding whom to contact in the event of  
31 injury to the individual related to the Washington homeless client  
32 management information system;

33 (iv) A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the  
34 homeless individual; and

35 (v) A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of  
36 records identifying the individual will be maintained.

37 (c) The department must adopt policies governing the appropriate  
38 process for destroying Washington homeless client management  
39 information system paper documents containing personally identifying



1 information when the paper documents are no longer needed. The  
2 policies must not conflict with any federal data requirements.

3 (d) Any person thirteen years of age or older may give consent  
4 for the collection of his or her personally identifying information  
5 under this section.

6 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system  
7 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable  
8 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the  
9 database with available housing and other support services. Local  
10 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,  
11 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist  
12 homeless persons.

13 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management  
14 information system will also provide the department with the  
15 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and  
16 nature of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to  
17 information about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington  
18 state among families with children.

19 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and  
20 reporting systems and shall:

21 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

22 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant  
23 state agencies including the department of social and health  
24 services, experts, and community organizations involved in the  
25 delivery of services to homeless persons; and

26 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state  
27 agencies.

28 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this  
29 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information  
30 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly,  
31 using appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

32 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system  
33 shall be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with new  
34 homeless client information at least annually.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.250 and 2015 c 69 s 11 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may  
38 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and

1 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the  
2 child's parent.

3 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a  
4 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or  
5 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the  
6 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

7 (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding  
8 weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the  
9 team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed  
10 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not  
11 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The  
12 court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is  
13 ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth  
14 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the  
15 parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home  
16 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3).

17 (2) The (~~administrator~~) department shall request participation  
18 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and  
19 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those  
20 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the (~~secretary~~)  
21 director of the department or the director's designee all information  
22 necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team and the  
23 (~~administrator~~) director or the director's designee shall provide  
24 this information to the administrator of each crisis residential  
25 center.

26 (3) The administrator shall also seek participation from  
27 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment  
28 providers as appropriate.

29 (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a  
30 multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the  
31 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or  
32 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law  
33 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed  
34 health care practitioners, social service providers, youth  
35 residential placement providers, other family members, church  
36 representatives, and members of their own community. The  
37 administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of  
38 persons requested by the parent or child.

1 (5) When an administrator of a crisis residential center requests  
2 the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as soon as  
3 possible.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.260 and 2015 c 69 s 13 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:

7 (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the parent  
8 of the child that the child is absent from parental custody without  
9 consent; or

10 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering  
11 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is  
12 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or  
13 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

14 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child  
15 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away  
16 from placement; or

17 (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the juvenile  
18 court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe that the  
19 child has violated a court placement order issued under this chapter  
20 or chapter 13.34 RCW or that the court has issued an order for law  
21 enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter or chapter 13.34  
22 RCW.

23 (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of  
24 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination  
25 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law  
26 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer  
27 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity  
28 under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is  
29 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person,  
30 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept  
31 custody.

32 (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody  
33 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and  
34 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer  
35 shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the  
36 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons  
37 the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the  
38 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's  
39 report if the youth is a dependent.

1 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the  
2 juvenile into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center  
3 have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home  
4 because he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made  
5 immediately to the department of social and health services.

6 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any  
7 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of  
8 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

9 (6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that  
10 a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080,  
11 the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person  
12 harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the  
13 locations specified in RCW 43.185C.265.

14 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as  
15 provided in this chapter.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.280 and 2015 c 69 s 16 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The administrator of a designated crisis residential center  
19 shall perform the duties under subsection (3) of this section:

20 (a) Upon admitting a child who has been brought to the center by  
21 a law enforcement officer under RCW 43.185C.265;

22 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has  
23 requested admittance to the center;

24 (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.082 that the  
25 person is providing shelter to a child absent from home; or

26 (d) Upon learning that a child has been placed with a responsible  
27 adult pursuant to RCW 43.185C.265.

28 (2) Transportation expenses of the child shall be at the parent's  
29 expense to the extent of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet  
30 transportation expenses assumed by the crisis residential center.

31 (3) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this  
32 section are present, the administrator of a center shall perform the  
33 following duties:

34 (a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's  
35 whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances  
36 surrounding his or her placement;

37 (b) Initially notify the parent that it is the paramount concern  
38 of the family reconciliation service personnel to achieve a  
39 reconciliation between the parent and child to reunify the family and

1 inform the parent as to the procedures to be followed under this  
2 chapter;

3 (c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective  
4 services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard  
5 pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(1) governing child abuse and neglect in  
6 this state; and either

7 (d)(i) Arrange transportation for the child to the residence of  
8 the parent, as soon as practicable, when the child and his or her  
9 parent agrees to the child's return home or when the parent produces  
10 a copy of a court order entered under this chapter requiring the  
11 child to reside in the parent's home; or

12 (ii) Arrange transportation for the child to: (A) An out-of-home  
13 placement which may include a licensed group care facility or foster  
14 family when agreed to by the child and parent; or (B) a certified or  
15 licensed mental health or chemical dependency program of the parent's  
16 choice.

17 (4) If the administrator of the crisis residential center  
18 performs the duties listed in subsection (3) of this section for a  
19 dependent child, he or she shall also notify the department of social  
20 and health services that a dependent child has been admitted to the  
21 crisis residential center.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.285 and 2015 c 69 s 17 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify  
25 parents((~~7~~)) and the appropriate law enforcement agency((~~7~~, ~~and the~~  
26 ~~department of social and health services~~)) immediately as to any  
27 unauthorized leave from the center by a child placed at the center.  
28 The administrator shall also notify the department of social and  
29 health services immediately as to any unauthorized leave from the  
30 center by a dependent child placed at the center.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.295 and 2015 c 69 s 19 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based  
34 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential  
35 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be  
36 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the  
37 department of social and health services and shall have an average of

1 at least four adult staff members and in no event less than three  
2 adult staff members to every eight children.

3 (2) Crisis residential centers must record client information  
4 into a homeless management information system specified by the  
5 department.

6 (3) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
7 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with  
8 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with  
9 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed  
10 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include  
11 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to  
12 subsection (1) of this section.

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

17 (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to  
18 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential  
19 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to  
20 RCW 43.185C.315 in the same building or structure. The department  
21 shall permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity  
22 operating the facility agrees to designate a particular number of  
23 beds to each type of center that is located within the building or  
24 structure.

25 (6) The staff at the facilities established under this section  
26 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles  
27 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and  
28 structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and  
29 the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their  
30 families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW  
31 43.185C.280.

32 (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential  
33 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW  
34 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one  
35 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall  
36 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

37 (8) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or  
38 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be  
39 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the  
40 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

1       **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.320 and 2015 c 69 s 23 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       To be eligible for placement in a HOPE center, a minor must be  
4 either a street youth, as that term is defined in this chapter, or a  
5 youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to  
6 participate in increasingly risky behavior. Youth may also self-refer  
7 to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed is not contingent  
8 upon prior approval by the department(~~(; however, approval from the~~  
9 ~~department of social and health services is needed if the youth is~~  
10 ~~dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW)~~).

11       **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.325 and 1999 c 267 s 21 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13       (1) The department shall provide technical assistance in  
14 preparation of grant proposals for HOPE centers ((and)) to nonprofit  
15 organizations unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of  
16 requests for proposals to the department.

17       (2) The department of social and health services shall provide  
18 technical assistance in preparation of grant proposals for  
19 responsible living skills programs to nonprofit organizations  
20 unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of requests for  
21 proposals to the department of social and health services.

22       **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.330 and 1999 c 267 s 22 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24       (1) The department shall consider prioritizing, on an ongoing  
25 basis, the awarding of contracts for HOPE centers ((and responsible  
26 living skills programs)) to providers who have not traditionally been  
27 awarded contracts with the department.

28       (2) The department of social and health services shall consider  
29 prioritizing, on an ongoing basis, the awarding of contracts for  
30 responsible living skills programs to providers who have not  
31 traditionally been awarded contracts with the department of social  
32 and health services.

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