

**2SSB 5903** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations

**ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 4/12/19**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the  
4 children's mental health work group established in chapter 96, Laws  
5 of 2016 reported recommendations related to increasing access to  
6 mental health services for children and youth and that many of those  
7 recommendations were adopted by the 2017 and 2018 legislatures. The  
8 legislature further finds that additional work is needed to improve  
9 mental health support for children and families and that the  
10 children's mental health work group was reestablished for this  
11 purpose in chapter 175, Laws of 2018.

12 (2) The legislature finds that there is a workforce shortage of  
13 behavioral health professionals and that increasing medicaid rates to  
14 a level that is equal to medicare rates will increase the number of  
15 providers who will serve children and families on medicaid. Further,  
16 the legislature finds that there is a need to increase the cultural  
17 and linguistic diversity among children's behavioral health  
18 professionals and that hiring practices, professional training, and  
19 high-quality translations of accreditation and licensing exams should  
20 be implemented to incentivize this diversity in the workforce.

21 (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to implement the  
22 recommendations adopted by the children's mental health work group in  
23 January 2019, in order to improve mental health care access for  
24 children and their families.

25 **Sec. 2.** 2018 c 175 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 (1) A children's mental health work group is established to  
28 identify barriers to and opportunities for accessing mental health  
29 services for children and families and to advise the legislature on  
30 statewide mental health services for this population.

1 (2) The work group shall consist of members and alternates as  
2 provided in this subsection. Members must represent the regional,  
3 racial, and cultural diversity of all children and families in the  
4 state. Members of the children's mental health work group created in  
5 chapter 96, Laws of 2016, and serving on the work group as of  
6 December 1, 2017, may continue to serve as members of the work group  
7 without reappointment.

8 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member and one  
9 alternate from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate.

10 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one  
11 member and one alternate from each of the two largest caucuses in the  
12 house of representatives.

13 (c) The governor shall appoint six members representing the  
14 following state agencies and offices: The department of children,  
15 youth, and families; the department of social and health services;  
16 the health care authority; the department of health; the office of  
17 homeless youth prevention and protection programs; and the office of  
18 the governor.

19 (d) The governor shall appoint one member representing each of  
20 the following:

- 21 (i) Behavioral health organizations;
- 22 (ii) Community mental health agencies;
- 23 (iii) Medicaid managed care organizations;
- 24 (iv) A regional provider of co-occurring disorder services;
- 25 (v) Pediatricians or primary care providers;
- 26 (vi) Providers specializing in infant or early childhood mental  
27 health;
- 28 (vii) Child health advocacy groups;
- 29 (viii) Early learning and child care providers;
- 30 (ix) The evidence-based practice institute;
- 31 (x) Parents or caregivers who have been the recipient of early  
32 childhood mental health services;
- 33 (xi) An education or teaching institution that provides training  
34 for mental health professionals;
- 35 (xii) Foster parents;
- 36 (xiii) Providers of culturally and linguistically appropriate  
37 health services to traditionally underserved communities;
- 38 (xiv) Pediatricians located east of the crest of the Cascade  
39 mountains; and
- 40 (xv) Child psychiatrists.

1 (e) The governor shall request participation by a representative  
2 of tribal governments.

3 (f) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint one  
4 representative from the office of the superintendent of public  
5 instruction.

6 (g) The insurance commissioner shall appoint one representative  
7 from the office of the insurance commissioner.

8 (h) The work group shall choose its cochairs, one from among its  
9 legislative members and one from among the executive branch members.  
10 The representative from the health care authority shall convene at  
11 least two, but not more than four, meetings of the work group each  
12 year.

13 (i) The cochairs may invite additional members of the house of  
14 representatives and the senate to participate in work group  
15 activities, including as leaders of advisory groups to the work  
16 group. These legislators are not required to be formally appointed  
17 members of the work group in order to participate in or lead advisory  
18 groups.

19 (3) The work group shall:

20 (a) Monitor the implementation of enacted legislation, programs,  
21 and policies related to children's mental health, including provider  
22 payment for depression screenings for youth and new mothers,  
23 consultation services for child care providers caring for children  
24 with symptoms of trauma, home visiting services, and streamlining  
25 agency rules for providers of behavioral health services;

26 (b) Consider system strategies to improve coordination and remove  
27 barriers between the early learning, K-12 education, and health care  
28 systems; and

29 (c) Identify opportunities to remove barriers to treatment and  
30 strengthen mental health service delivery for children and youth.

31 (4) At the direction of the cochairs, the work group may convene  
32 advisory groups to evaluate specific issues and report related  
33 findings and recommendations to the full work group.

34 (5)(a) The work group shall convene an advisory group to develop  
35 a funding model for:

36 (i) The partnership access line activities described in RCW  
37 71.24.061, including the partnership access line for moms and kids  
38 and community referral facilitation;

1 (ii) Delivering partnership access line services to educational  
2 service districts for the training and support of school staff  
3 managing children with challenging behaviors; and

4 (iii) Expanding partnership access line consultation services to  
5 include consultation for health care professionals serving adults.

6 (b) The work group cochairs shall invite representatives from the  
7 following organizations and interests to participate as advisory  
8 group members under this subsection:

9 (i) Private insurance carriers;

10 (ii) Medicaid managed care plans;

11 (iii) Self-insured organizations;

12 (iv) Seattle children's hospital;

13 (v) The partnership access line;

14 (vi) The office of the insurance commissioner;

15 (vii) The University of Washington school of medicine; and

16 (viii) Other organizations and individuals, as determined by the  
17 cochairs.

18 (c) The funding model must build upon previous funding model  
19 efforts by the health care authority, including work completed  
20 pursuant to chapter 288, Laws of 2018. The funding model must:

21 (i) Determine the annual cost of operating the partnership access  
22 line and its various components and collect a proportional share of  
23 program cost from each health insurance carrier; and

24 (ii) Differentiate between partnership access line activities  
25 eligible for medicaid funding and activities that are nonmedicaid  
26 eligible.

27 (d) By December 1, 2019, the advisory group formed under this  
28 subsection must deliver the funding model and any associated  
29 recommendations to the work group.

30 (6) Staff support for the work group, including administration of  
31 work group meetings and preparation of the updated report required  
32 under subsection ((+6+)) (8) of this section, must be provided by the  
33 health care authority. Additional staff support for legislative  
34 members of the work group may be provided by senate committee  
35 services and the house of representatives office of program research.

36 ((+5+)) (7) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed  
37 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
38 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
39 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
40 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for

1 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.  
2 Advisory group members who are not members of the work group are not  
3 entitled to reimbursement.

4 ((+6)) (8) The work group shall update the findings and  
5 recommendations reported to the legislature by the children's mental  
6 health work group in December 2016 pursuant to chapter 96, Laws of  
7 2016. The work group must submit the updated report to the governor  
8 and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,  
9 2020.

10 ((+7)) (9) This section expires December 30, 2020.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.415  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, and every other school year  
14 thereafter, school districts must use one of the professional  
15 learning days funded under RCW 28A.150.415 to train school district  
16 staff in one or more of the following topics: Social-emotional  
17 learning, trauma-informed practices, using the model plan developed  
18 under RCW 28A.320.1271 related to recognition and response to  
19 emotional or behavioral distress, consideration of adverse childhood  
20 experiences, mental health literacy, antibullying strategies, or  
21 culturally sustaining practices.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.30.357 and 2017 c 202 s 9 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
25 specific purpose, Washington State University shall offer ((~~one~~)) two  
26 twenty-four month residency positions that ((~~is~~)) are approved by the  
27 accreditation council for graduate medical education to ((~~one~~)) two  
28 residents specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. The  
29 ((~~residency~~)) positions must each include a minimum of ((~~twelve~~))  
30 eighteen months of training in settings where children's mental  
31 health services are provided under the supervision of experienced  
32 psychiatric consultants and must be located east of the crest of the  
33 Cascade mountains.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.20.445 and 2018 c 175 s 11 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
37 specific purpose, the child and adolescent psychiatry residency

1 program at the University of Washington shall offer (~~one~~) two  
2 additional twenty-four month residency positions that (~~is~~) are  
3 approved by the accreditation council for graduate medical education  
4 to (~~one~~) two residents specializing in child and adolescent  
5 psychiatry. The (~~residency~~) positions must each include a minimum  
6 of (~~twelve~~) eighteen months of training in settings where  
7 children's mental health services are provided under the supervision  
8 of experienced psychiatric consultants and must be located west of  
9 the crest of the Cascade mountains.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
13 specific purpose, the authority shall collaborate with the University  
14 of Washington and a professional association of licensed community  
15 behavioral health agencies to develop a statewide plan to implement  
16 evidence-based coordinated specialty care programs that provide early  
17 identification and intervention for psychosis in licensed and  
18 certified community behavioral health agencies. The authority must  
19 submit the statewide plan to the governor and the legislature by  
20 March 1, 2020. The statewide plan must include:

21 (a) Analysis of existing benefit packages, payment rates, and  
22 resource gaps, including needs for nonmedicaid resources;

23 (b) Development of a discrete benefit package and case rate for  
24 coordinated specialty care;

25 (c) Identification of costs for statewide start-up, training, and  
26 community outreach;

27 (d) Determination of the number of coordinated specialty care  
28 teams needed in each regional service area; and

29 (e) A timeline for statewide implementation.

30 (2) The authority shall ensure that:

31 (a) At least one coordinated specialty care team is starting up  
32 or in operation in each regional service area by October 1, 2020; and

33 (b) Each regional service area has an adequate number of  
34 coordinated specialty care teams based on incidence and population  
35 across the state by December 31, 2023.

36 (3) This section expires June 30, 2024.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216  
38 RCW to read as follows:

1       The department of children, youth, and families must enter into a  
2 contractual agreement with an organization providing coaching  
3 services to early achievers program participants to hire one  
4 qualified mental health consultant for each of the six department-  
5 designated regions. The consultants must support early achievers  
6 program coaches and child care providers by providing resources,  
7 information, and guidance regarding challenging behavior and  
8 expulsions and may travel to assist providers in serving families and  
9 children with severe behavioral needs. In coordination with the  
10 contractor, the department of children, youth, and families must  
11 report on the services provided and the outcomes of the consultant  
12 activities to the governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal  
13 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2021.

14       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 8.** Section 2 of this act is added to chapter  
15 74.09 RCW.

16       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 9.** Section 4 of this act takes effect July 1,  
17 2020.

18       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 10.** Section 5 of this act takes effect July  
19 1, 2022.

20       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 11.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
21 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
22 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
23 act is null and void."

24       Correct the title.

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