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1 AN ACT Relating to funding the Washington information network 211
2 system; amending RCW 80.36.430; reenacting and amending RCW
3 43.79A.040; adding a new section to chapter 80.36 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For over a decade, the 211 system has
7 provided the state of Washington with a reliable and high quality
8 method for consumers to obtain information and referrals to essential
9 services provided by federal, state, and local governments, as well
10 as nonprofit and faith-based organizations across the state,
11 including timely and critical responses to natural disasters, public
12 health crises, and other emergencies. The 211 system requires better,
13 stable, and reliable funding in order to continue its historic role
14 in communities across the state and to further improve access to
15 important services for consumers, particularly services depended upon
16 by many low-income Washingtonians to meet basic housing, food,
17 safety, and health needs.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 The Washington information and referral access account is created
2 in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds
3 collected under RCW 80.36.430(1) must be deposited into the account.
4 Expenditures from the account must be used exclusively for the
5 department to contract with the Washington information network 211
6 organization for operational support. Only the secretary of social
7 and health services or the secretary's designee may authorize
8 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
9 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
10 required for expenditures.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 80.36.430 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 8 s 108 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Subject to the enactment into law of the 2013 amendments to RCW
14 82.14B.040 in section 103, chapter 8, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess., the
15 2013 amendments to RCW 82.14B.042 in section 104, chapter 8, Laws of
16 2013 2nd sp. sess., the 2013 amendments to RCW 82.14B.030 in section
17 105, chapter 8, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess., the 2013 amendments to
18 RCW 82.14B.200 in section 106, chapter 8, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess.,
19 and the 2013 amendments to RCW 82.08.0289 in section 107, chapter 8,
20 Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess.:

21 (1) The Washington telephone assistance program is funded by the
22 legislature by means of a biennial general fund appropriation to the
23 department and by funds from any federal government or other programs
24 for this purpose. Every fiscal year, an amount of no less than two
25 million dollars from the funds collected under this subsection must
26 be deposited into the Washington information and referral access
27 account.

28 (2) Local exchange companies must bill the department for their
29 expenses incurred in offering the telephone assistance program,
30 including administrative and program expenses. The department must
31 disburse the money to the local exchange companies. The department is
32 exempted from having to conclude a contract with local exchange
33 companies in order to effect this reimbursement. The department must
34 recover its administrative costs. The department may specify by rule
35 the range and extent of administrative and program expenses that will
36 be reimbursed to local exchange companies.

37 (3) The department must enter into an agreement with the
38 department of commerce for an amount not to exceed eight percent of
39 the prior fiscal year's total revenue for the administrative and

1 program expenses of providing community service voice mail services.
2 The community service voice mail service may include toll-free lines
3 in community action agencies through which recipients can access
4 their community service voice mailboxes at no charge.

5 (4) The department shall enter into an agreement with the
6 Washington information network 211 organization for operational
7 support, (~~subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~
8 ~~this purpose~~) for an amount of no less than two million dollars per
9 fiscal year.

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2018 c 260 s 28, 2018 c 258 s 4, and
11 2018 c 127 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
13 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
14 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
15 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
16 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

17 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
18 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
19 known as the investment income account.

20 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
21 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
22 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
23 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
24 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
25 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
26 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
27 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

28 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
29 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
30 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

31 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
32 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
33 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
34 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
35 legislative page scholarship account, the Washington advanced college
36 tuition payment program account, the Washington college savings
37 program account, the accessible communities account, the Washington
38 achieving a better life experience program account, the community and
39 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,

1 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
2 scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust
3 fund, the contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state
4 combined fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the
5 county enhanced 911 excise tax account, the toll collection account,
6 the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy
7 account, the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance
8 account, the fish and wildlife federal lands revolving account, the
9 natural resources federal lands revolving account, the food animal
10 veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the forest health
11 revolving account, the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the
12 future teachers conditional scholarship account, the game farm
13 alternative account, the GET ready for math and science scholarship
14 account, the Washington global health technologies and product
15 development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
16 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
17 fund, the juvenile accountability incentive account, the law
18 enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the
19 local tourism promotion account, the low-income home rehabilitation
20 revolving loan program account, the multiagency permitting team
21 account, the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account,
22 the pilotage account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional
23 transportation investment district account, the rural rehabilitation
24 account, the Washington sexual assault kit account, the stadium and
25 exhibition center account, the youth athletic facility account, the
26 self-insurance revolving fund, the children's trust fund, the
27 Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund
28 and breeder awards account, the Washington horse racing commission
29 class C purse fund account, the Washington information and referral
30 access account, the individual development account program account,
31 the Washington horse racing commission operating account, the life
32 sciences discovery fund, the Washington state heritage center
33 account, the reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the
34 center for childhood deafness and hearing loss account, the school
35 for the blind account, the Millersylvania park trust fund, the public
36 employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the school
37 employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, (~~(the)~~) the
38 public employees' and retirees' insurance account, (~~(the)~~) the
39 school employees' insurance account, and the radiation perpetual
40 maintenance fund.

1 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive eighty percent
2 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
3 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right-of-
4 way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
5 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
6 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
7 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

8 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
9 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
10 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
11 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
12 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
13 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
14 for the period.

15 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
16 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
17 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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