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1 AN ACT Relating to youth eligible for developmental disability  
2 services who are expected to exit the child welfare system; amending  
3 RCW 74.13.341; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and  
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends that this act help  
7 reduce the number of former foster youth with developmental  
8 disabilities discharged into homelessness or inappropriately placed  
9 in hospitals. The legislature further intends that the steps taken  
10 under this act maximize the use of the most cost-effective services  
11 for former foster youth with developmental disabilities.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall collaborate with the developmental  
15 disabilities administration of the department of social and health  
16 services to determine the number of individuals under 21 years old  
17 who are functionally and financially eligible for medicaid waiver  
18 services administered by the developmental disabilities  
19 administration of the department of social and health services, who  
20 are also defined as dependent children under chapter 13.34 RCW, and

1 who are expected to exit dependency proceedings under chapter 13.34  
2 RCW after reaching either:

3 (a) The maximum age for dependent children; or

4 (b) The maximum eligible age to receive extended foster care  
5 services as defined in RCW 74.13.020.

6 (2) By November 15th, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the  
7 department shall submit an annual report to the appropriate  
8 committees of the legislature that provides the number of children  
9 and youth identified under subsection (1) of this section and other  
10 relevant information related to best serving these youth.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.13.341 and 2018 c 58 s 49 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) With respect to ((youth who will be aging out of foster  
14 care)) children who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and are  
15 expected to exit dependency proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW after  
16 reaching the maximum age for dependent children, the department shall  
17 invite representatives from the department of social and health  
18 services ~~((division of))~~ behavioral health ~~((and recovery))~~  
19 administration, the ~~((disability services))~~ developmental  
20 disabilities administration, and the economic services  
21 administration ~~((, and the juvenile justice and rehabilitation~~  
22 ~~administration))~~ to the youth's shared planning meeting that occurs  
23 between the age ~~((seventeen))~~ of 17 and ~~((seventeen and one-half))~~  
24 17.5 that is used to develop a transition plan. It is the  
25 responsibility of the department to include these agencies in the  
26 shared planning meeting.

27 (2) If ((foster youth)) children who are dependent under chapter  
28 13.34 RCW and who are the subject of this meeting may qualify for  
29 services provided by the developmental ~~((disability services))~~  
30 disabilities administration pursuant to Title 71A RCW, the department  
31 shall direct these youth to apply for these services and provide  
32 assistance in the application process.

33 (3) For youth who are dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and  
34 eligible for services administered by the developmental disabilities  
35 administration, the department shall convene a shared planning  
36 meeting that includes the developmental disabilities administration  
37 staff when the youth is between the ages of 16 and 16.5. This meeting  
38 shall be used to begin planning services for the youth in advance of

1 the youth's transition to adulthood. The shared planning meeting  
2 required under this subsection may include:  
3 (a) Assessing eligibility for developmental disability waiver  
4 services;  
5 (b) Understanding the services that the youth wants or needs upon  
6 the youth's exit from a dependency under chapter 13.34 RCW;  
7 (c) Advanced planning for housing options the youth wants or  
8 needs upon the youth's exit from a dependency under chapter 13.34  
9 RCW; and  
10 (d) Development of an action plan so that the services the youth  
11 wants or needs will be provided following the youth's exit from  
12 dependency proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW.

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