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1 AN ACT Relating to improving developmentally appropriate  
2 alternatives for youth outside the formal court process; amending RCW  
3 13.40.020, 13.40.080, 13.06.010, 13.06.030, 13.06.040, and 2.56.032;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; adding a new section to  
5 chapter 13.06 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration  
6 date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that youth  
9 diverted from the justice system have lower likelihood for future  
10 arrests, higher rates of school completion and college enrollment,  
11 and earn higher incomes in adulthood than youth who are adjudicated  
12 through the court process.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that there is significant cost  
14 benefit to offering youth diversion. A 2019 Washington state  
15 institute for public policy analysis found that diverting youth  
16 returned a societal benefit of more than \$11,000 per dollar spent due  
17 to lower recidivism rates and improved outcomes.

18 (3) The legislature also finds that diversion is offered at  
19 different rates in different counties, leading to justice by  
20 geography and pointing to opportunities to expand the use of  
21 diversion in Washington.

1 (4) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to strengthen  
2 the ability of courts to offer robust diversion services, contract  
3 with community providers to offer diversion, and improve the data and  
4 accountability framework for diversions in Washington state.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.40.020 and 2024 c 117 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter:

8 (1) "Assessment" means an individualized examination of a child  
9 to determine the child's psychosocial needs and problems, including  
10 the type and extent of any mental health, substance abuse, or co-  
11 occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, and  
12 recommendations for treatment. "Assessment" includes, but is not  
13 limited to, drug and alcohol evaluations, psychological and  
14 psychiatric evaluations, records review, clinical interview, and  
15 administration of a formal test or instrument;

16 (2) "Community-based rehabilitation" means one or more of the  
17 following: Employment; attendance of information classes; literacy  
18 classes; counseling including an intake appointment, outpatient  
19 substance abuse treatment programs, outpatient mental health  
20 programs, anger management classes, education or outpatient treatment  
21 programs to prevent animal cruelty, or other services including, when  
22 appropriate, restorative justice programs; or attendance at school or  
23 other educational programs appropriate for the juvenile as determined  
24 by the school district. Placement in community-based rehabilitation  
25 programs is subject to available funds;

26 (3) "Community-based sanctions" may include community restitution  
27 not to exceed 150 hours of community restitution;

28 (4) "Community restitution" means compulsory service, without  
29 compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the  
30 offender as punishment for committing an offense. Community  
31 restitution may be performed through public or private organizations  
32 or through work crews;

33 (5) "Community supervision" means an order of disposition by the  
34 court of an adjudicated youth not committed to the department or an  
35 order granting a deferred disposition. A community supervision order  
36 for a single offense may be for a period of up to two years for a sex  
37 offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 and up to one year for other  
38 offenses. As a mandatory condition of any term of community  
39 supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to refrain from

1 committing new offenses. As a mandatory condition of community  
2 supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to comply with the  
3 mandatory school attendance provisions of chapter 28A.225 RCW and to  
4 inform the school of the existence of this requirement. Community  
5 supervision is an individualized program comprised of one or more of  
6 the following:

- 7 (a) Community-based sanctions;
- 8 (b) Community-based rehabilitation;
- 9 (c) Monitoring and reporting requirements;
- 10 (d) Posting of a probation bond;

11 (e) Residential treatment, where substance abuse, mental health,  
12 and/or co-occurring disorders have been identified in an assessment  
13 by a qualified mental health professional, psychologist,  
14 psychiatrist, co-occurring disorder specialist, or substance use  
15 disorder professional and a funded bed is available. If a child  
16 agrees to voluntary placement in a state-funded long-term evaluation  
17 and treatment facility, the case must follow the existing placement  
18 procedure including consideration of less restrictive treatment  
19 options and medical necessity.

20 (i) A court may order residential treatment after consideration  
21 and findings regarding whether:

- 22 (A) The referral is necessary to rehabilitate the child;
- 23 (B) The referral is necessary to protect the public or the child;
- 24 (C) The referral is in the child's best interest;
- 25 (D) The child has been given the opportunity to engage in less  
26 restrictive treatment and has been unable or unwilling to comply; and
- 27 (E) Inpatient treatment is the least restrictive action  
28 consistent with the child's needs and circumstances.

29 (ii) In any case where a court orders a child to inpatient  
30 treatment under this section, the court must hold a review hearing no  
31 later than 60 days after the youth begins inpatient treatment, and  
32 every 30 days thereafter, as long as the youth is in inpatient  
33 treatment;

34 (6) "Community transition services" means a therapeutic and  
35 supportive community-based custody option in which:

36 (a) A person serves a portion of their term of confinement  
37 residing in the community, outside of department institutions and  
38 community facilities;

1 (b) The department supervises the person in part through the use  
2 of technology that is capable of determining or identifying the  
3 monitored person's presence or absence at a particular location;

4 (c) The department provides access to developmentally  
5 appropriate, trauma-informed, racial equity-based, and culturally  
6 relevant programs to promote successful reentry; and

7 (d) The department prioritizes the delivery of available  
8 programming from individuals who share characteristics with the  
9 individual being served related to: Race, ethnicity, sexual identity,  
10 and gender identity;

11 (7) "Confinement" means physical custody by the department of  
12 children, youth, and families in a facility operated by or pursuant  
13 to a contract with the state, or physical custody in a detention  
14 facility operated by or pursuant to a contract with any county. The  
15 county may operate or contract with vendors to operate county  
16 detention facilities. The department may operate or contract to  
17 operate detention facilities for juveniles committed to the  
18 department. Pretrial confinement or confinement of less than 31 days  
19 imposed as part of a disposition or modification order may be served  
20 consecutively or intermittently, in the discretion of the court;

21 (8) "Court," when used without further qualification, means the  
22 juvenile court judge(s) or commissioner(s);

23 (9) "Criminal history" includes all criminal complaints against  
24 the respondent for which, prior to the commission of a current  
25 offense(

26 ~~(a) The~~), the allegations were found correct by a court. If a  
27 respondent is convicted of two or more charges arising out of the  
28 same course of conduct, only the highest charge from among these  
29 shall count as an offense for the purposes of this chapter(~~;~~~~or~~

30 ~~(b) The criminal complaint was diverted by a prosecutor pursuant~~  
31 ~~to the provisions of this chapter on agreement of the respondent and~~  
32 ~~after an advisement to the respondent that the criminal complaint~~  
33 ~~would be considered as part of the respondent's criminal history)). A~~  
34 successfully completed deferred adjudication that was entered before  
35 July 1, 1998, or a deferred disposition shall not be considered part  
36 of the respondent's criminal history. A successfully completed  
37 diversion under RCW 13.40.080 may not be considered part of the  
38 respondent's criminal history;

39 (10) "Custodial interrogation" means express questioning or other  
40 actions or words by a law enforcement officer which are reasonably

1 likely to elicit an incriminating response from an individual and  
2 occurs when reasonable individuals in the same circumstances would  
3 consider themselves in custody;

4 (11) "Department" means the department of children, youth, and  
5 families;

6 (12) "Detention facility" means a county facility, paid for by  
7 the county, for the physical confinement of a juvenile alleged to  
8 have committed an offense or an adjudicated offender subject to a  
9 disposition or modification order. "Detention facility" includes  
10 county group homes, inpatient substance abuse programs, juvenile  
11 basic training camps, and electronic monitoring;

12 (13) "Diversion unit" means any probation counselor who enters  
13 into a diversion agreement with an alleged youthful offender, or any  
14 other person, community accountability board, youth court under the  
15 supervision of the juvenile court, or other entity with whom the  
16 juvenile court administrator has contracted to arrange and supervise  
17 such agreements pursuant to RCW 13.40.080, or any person, community  
18 accountability board, or other entity specially funded by the  
19 legislature to arrange and supervise diversion agreements in  
20 accordance with the requirements of this chapter. For purposes of  
21 this subsection, "community accountability board" means a board  
22 comprised of members of the local community in which the juvenile  
23 offender resides. The superior court shall appoint the members. The  
24 boards shall consist of at least three and not more than seven  
25 members. If possible, the board should include a variety of  
26 representatives from the community, such as a law enforcement  
27 officer, teacher or school administrator, high school student,  
28 parent, and business owner, and should represent the cultural  
29 diversity of the local community;

30 (14) "Foster care" means temporary physical care in a foster  
31 family home or group care facility as defined in RCW 74.15.020 and  
32 licensed by the department, or other legally authorized care;

33 (15) "Institution" means a juvenile facility established pursuant  
34 to chapters 72.05 and 72.16 through 72.20 RCW;

35 (16) "Intensive supervision program" means a parole program that  
36 requires intensive supervision and monitoring, offers an array of  
37 individualized treatment and transitional services, and emphasizes  
38 community involvement and support in order to reduce the likelihood a  
39 juvenile offender will commit further offenses;

1 (17) "Juvenile," "youth," and "child" mean any individual who is  
2 under the chronological age of 18 years and who has not been  
3 previously transferred to adult court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110,  
4 unless the individual was convicted of a lesser charge or acquitted  
5 of the charge for which he or she was previously transferred pursuant  
6 to RCW 13.40.110 or who is not otherwise under adult court  
7 jurisdiction;

8 (18) "Juvenile offender" means any juvenile who has been found by  
9 the juvenile court to have committed an offense, including a person  
10 18 years of age or older over whom the juvenile court has  
11 jurisdiction under RCW 13.40.300;

12 (19) "Labor" means the period of time before a birth during which  
13 contractions are of sufficient frequency, intensity, and duration to  
14 bring about effacement and progressive dilation of the cervix;

15 (20) "Local sanctions" means one or more of the following: (a)  
16 0-30 days of confinement; (b) 0-12 months of community supervision;  
17 or (c) 0-150 hours of community restitution;

18 (21) "Manifest injustice" means a disposition that would either  
19 impose an excessive penalty on the juvenile or would impose a  
20 serious, and clear danger to society in light of the purposes of this  
21 chapter;

22 (22) "Monitoring and reporting requirements" means one or more of  
23 the following: Curfews; requirements to remain at home, school, work,  
24 or court-ordered treatment programs during specified hours;  
25 restrictions from leaving or entering specified geographical areas;  
26 requirements to report to the probation officer as directed and to  
27 remain under the probation officer's supervision; and other  
28 conditions or limitations as the court may require which may not  
29 include confinement;

30 (23) "Offense" means an act designated a violation or a crime if  
31 committed by an adult under the law of this state, under any  
32 ordinance of any city or county of this state, under any federal law,  
33 or under the law of another state if the act occurred in that state;

34 (24) "Physical restraint" means the use of any bodily force or  
35 physical intervention to control a juvenile offender or limit a  
36 juvenile offender's freedom of movement in a way that does not  
37 involve a mechanical restraint. Physical restraint does not include  
38 momentary periods of minimal physical restriction by direct person-  
39 to-person contact, without the aid of mechanical restraint,  
40 accomplished with limited force and designed to:

1 (a) Prevent a juvenile offender from completing an act that would  
2 result in potential bodily harm to self or others or damage property;

3 (b) Remove a disruptive juvenile offender who is unwilling to  
4 leave the area voluntarily; or

5 (c) Guide a juvenile offender from one location to another;

6 (25) "Postpartum recovery" means (a) the entire period a woman or  
7 youth is in the hospital, birthing center, or clinic after giving  
8 birth and (b) an additional time period, if any, a treating physician  
9 determines is necessary for healing after the youth leaves the  
10 hospital, birthing center, or clinic;

11 (26) "Probation bond" means a bond, posted with sufficient  
12 security by a surety justified and approved by the court, to secure  
13 the offender's appearance at required court proceedings and  
14 compliance with court-ordered community supervision or conditions of  
15 release ordered pursuant to RCW 13.40.040 or 13.40.050. It also means  
16 a deposit of cash or posting of other collateral in lieu of a bond if  
17 approved by the court;

18 (27) "Respondent" means a juvenile who is alleged or proven to  
19 have committed an offense;

20 (28) "Restitution" means financial reimbursement by the offender  
21 to the victim, and shall be limited to easily ascertainable damages  
22 for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for  
23 medical treatment for physical injury to persons, lost wages  
24 resulting from physical injury, and costs of the victim's counseling  
25 reasonably related to the offense. Restitution shall not include  
26 reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering, or  
27 other intangible losses. Nothing in this chapter shall limit or  
28 replace civil remedies or defenses available to the victim or  
29 offender;

30 (29) "Restorative justice" means practices, policies, and  
31 programs informed by and sensitive to the needs of crime victims that  
32 are designed to encourage offenders to accept responsibility for  
33 repairing the harm caused by their offense by providing safe and  
34 supportive opportunities for voluntary participation and  
35 communication between the victim, the offender, their families, and  
36 relevant community members;

37 (30) "Restraints" means anything used to control the movement of  
38 a person's body or limbs and includes:

39 (a) Physical restraint; or

1 (b) Mechanical device including but not limited to: Metal  
2 handcuffs, plastic ties, ankle restraints, leather cuffs, other  
3 hospital-type restraints, tasers, or batons;

4 (31) "Risk assessment tool" means the statistically valid tool  
5 used by the department to inform release or placement decisions  
6 related to security level, release within the sentencing range,  
7 community facility eligibility, community transition services  
8 eligibility, and parole. The "risk assessment tool" is used by the  
9 department to predict the likelihood of successful reentry and future  
10 criminal behavior;

11 (32) "Screening" means a process that is designed to identify a  
12 child who is at risk of having mental health, substance abuse, or co-  
13 occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders that warrant  
14 immediate attention, intervention, or more comprehensive assessment.  
15 A screening may be undertaken with or without the administration of a  
16 formal instrument;

17 (33) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department;

18 (34) "Services" means services, including restorative justice,  
19 which provide alternatives to incarceration for those juveniles who  
20 have pleaded or been adjudicated guilty of an offense or have signed  
21 a diversion agreement pursuant to this chapter;

22 (35) "Sex offense" means an offense defined as a sex offense in  
23 RCW 9.94A.030;

24 (36) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes for which  
25 the respondent committed the offense was for the purpose of the  
26 respondent's sexual gratification;

27 (37) "Surety" means an entity licensed under state insurance laws  
28 or by the state department of licensing, to write corporate,  
29 property, or probation bonds within the state, and justified and  
30 approved by the superior court of the county having jurisdiction of  
31 the case;

32 (38) "Transportation" means the conveying, by any means, of an  
33 incarcerated pregnant youth from the institution or detention  
34 facility to another location from the moment she leaves the  
35 institution or detention facility to the time of arrival at the other  
36 location, and includes the escorting of the pregnant incarcerated  
37 youth from the institution or detention facility to a transport  
38 vehicle and from the vehicle to the other location;



1 (39) "Violation" means an act or omission, which if committed by  
2 an adult, must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and is punishable  
3 by sanctions which do not include incarceration;

4 (40) "Violent offense" means a violent offense as defined in RCW  
5 9.94A.030;

6 (41) "Youth court" means a diversion unit under the supervision  
7 of the juvenile court.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.40.080 and 2022 c 34 s 1 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 (1) A diversion agreement shall be a contract between a juvenile  
11 accused of an offense and a diversion unit whereby the juvenile  
12 agrees to fulfill certain conditions in lieu of prosecution. A  
13 juvenile's parent or guardian cannot decline to enter into a  
14 diversion agreement on behalf of the juvenile and cannot prevent a  
15 juvenile from entering into a diversion agreement. Such agreements  
16 may be entered into only after the prosecutor, or probation counselor  
17 pursuant to this chapter, has determined that probable cause exists  
18 to believe that a crime has been committed and that the juvenile  
19 committed it. Such agreements shall be entered into as expeditiously  
20 as possible.

21 (2) A diversion agreement shall be limited to one or more of the  
22 following:

23 (a) Community restitution not to exceed (~~one hundred fifty~~) 150  
24 hours, not to be performed during school hours if the juvenile is  
25 attending school;

26 (b) Restitution limited to the amount of actual loss incurred by  
27 any victim, excluding restitution owed to any insurance provider  
28 under Title 48 RCW;

29 (c) Attendance at up to (~~ten~~) 10 hours of counseling and/or up  
30 to (~~twenty~~) 20 hours of positive youth development, restorative  
31 justice, and educational or informational sessions at a community  
32 agency. The educational or informational sessions may include  
33 sessions relating to respect for self, others, and authority; victim  
34 awareness; accountability; self-worth; responsibility; work ethics;  
35 good citizenship; literacy; and life skills. If an assessment  
36 identifies mental health or chemical dependency needs, a youth may  
37 access up to (~~thirty~~) 30 hours of counseling. The counseling  
38 sessions may include services demonstrated to improve behavioral  
39 health and reduce recidivism. For purposes of this section,

1 "community agency" may also mean a community-based nonprofit  
2 organization, a physician, a counselor, a school, or a treatment  
3 provider, if approved by the diversion unit. The state shall not be  
4 liable for costs resulting from the diversion unit exercising the  
5 option to permit diversion agreements to mandate attendance at up to  
6 (~~thirty~~) 30 hours of counseling and/or up to (~~twenty~~) 20 hours of  
7 educational or informational sessions;

8 (d) Requirements to remain during specified hours at home,  
9 school, or work, and restrictions on leaving or entering specified  
10 geographical areas; and

11 (e) Upon request of any victim or witness, requirements to  
12 refrain from any contact with victims or witnesses of offenses  
13 committed by the juvenile.

14 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this  
15 section, youth courts are not limited to the conditions imposed by  
16 subsection (2) of this section in imposing sanctions on juveniles  
17 pursuant to RCW 13.40.630.

18 (4) In assessing periods of community restitution to be performed  
19 and restitution to be paid by a juvenile who has entered into a  
20 diversion agreement, the court officer to whom this task is assigned  
21 shall consult with the juvenile's custodial parent or parents or  
22 guardian. To the extent possible, the court officer shall advise the  
23 victims of the juvenile offender of the diversion process, offer  
24 victim impact letter forms and restitution claim forms, and involve  
25 members of the community. Such members of the community may meet with  
26 the juvenile and may advise the court officer as to the terms of the  
27 diversion agreement and may supervise the juvenile in carrying out  
28 its terms.

29 (5)(a) A diversion agreement may not exceed a period of six  
30 months and may include a period extending beyond the (~~eighteenth~~)  
31 21st birthday of the divertee.

32 (b) If additional time is necessary for the juvenile to complete  
33 the terms of the agreement or restitution to a victim, the time  
34 period limitations of this subsection may be extended by an  
35 additional six months at the request of the juvenile.

36 (c) If the juvenile has not paid the full amount of restitution  
37 by the end of the additional six-month period, then the juvenile  
38 shall be referred to the juvenile court for entry of a civil order  
39 establishing the amount of restitution still owed to the victim. In  
40 this order, the court shall also determine the terms and conditions

1 of the restitution, including a payment plan extending up to (~~ten~~)  
2 10 years if the court determines that the juvenile does not have the  
3 means to make full restitution over a shorter period. For the  
4 purposes of this subsection (5)(c), the juvenile shall remain under  
5 the court's jurisdiction for a maximum term of (~~ten~~) 10 years after  
6 the juvenile's (~~eighteenth~~) 18th birthday. Prior to the expiration  
7 of the initial (~~ten~~) 10 year period, the juvenile court may extend  
8 the judgment for restitution an additional (~~ten~~) 10 years. The  
9 court may relieve the juvenile of the requirement to pay full or  
10 partial restitution if the juvenile reasonably satisfies the court  
11 that he or she does not have the means to make full or partial  
12 restitution and could not reasonably acquire the means to pay the  
13 restitution over a (~~ten~~) 10 year period. If the court relieves the  
14 juvenile of the requirement to pay full or partial restitution, the  
15 court may order an amount of community restitution that the court  
16 deems appropriate. The county clerk shall make disbursements to  
17 victims named in the order. The restitution to victims named in the  
18 order shall be paid prior to any payment for other penalties or  
19 monetary assessments. A juvenile under obligation to pay restitution  
20 may petition the court for modification of the restitution order.

21 (d) A diversion agreement may be completed by the juvenile any  
22 time prior to an order terminating the agreement.

23 (6) The juvenile shall retain the right to be referred to the  
24 court at any time prior to the signing of the diversion agreement.

25 (7) Divertees and potential divertees shall be afforded due  
26 process in all contacts with a diversion unit regardless of whether  
27 the juveniles are accepted for diversion or whether the diversion  
28 program is successfully completed. Such due process shall include,  
29 but not be limited to, the following:

30 (a) A written diversion agreement shall be executed stating all  
31 conditions in clearly understandable language;

32 (b) Violation of the terms of the agreement shall be the only  
33 grounds for termination;

34 (c) No diverttee may be terminated from a diversion program  
35 without being given a court hearing, which hearing shall be preceded  
36 by:

37 (i) Written notice of alleged violations of the conditions of the  
38 diversion program; and

39 (ii) Disclosure of all evidence to be offered against the  
40 diverttee;

1 (d) The hearing shall be conducted by the juvenile court and  
2 shall include:

3 (i) Opportunity to be heard in person and to present evidence;

4 (ii) The right to confront and cross-examine all adverse  
5 witnesses;

6 (iii) A written statement by the court as to the evidence relied  
7 on and the reasons for termination, should that be the decision; and

8 (iv) Demonstration by evidence that the divertee has  
9 substantially violated the terms of his or her diversion agreement;

10 (e) The prosecutor may file an information on the offense for  
11 which the divertee was diverted:

12 (i) In juvenile court if the divertee is under ~~((eighteen))~~ 21  
13 years of age; or

14 (ii) In superior court or the appropriate court of limited  
15 jurisdiction if the divertee is ~~((eighteen))~~ 21 years of age or  
16 older;

17 (f) In no case may a court terminate a diversion agreement on or  
18 after the juvenile's 21st birthday and, thereafter, any pending  
19 information in the case diverted and any pending motion to terminate  
20 shall be dismissed with prejudice.

21 (8) The diversion unit shall, subject to available funds, be  
22 responsible for providing interpreters when juveniles need  
23 interpreters to effectively communicate during diversion unit  
24 hearings or negotiations.

25 (9) The diversion unit shall be responsible for advising a  
26 divertee of his or her rights as provided in this chapter.

27 (10) The diversion unit may refer a juvenile to a restorative  
28 justice program, community-based counseling, or treatment programs.

29 (11) The right to counsel shall inure prior to the initial  
30 interview for purposes of advising the juvenile as to whether he or  
31 she desires to participate in the diversion process or to appear in  
32 the juvenile court. The juvenile may be represented by counsel at any  
33 critical stage of the diversion process, including intake interviews  
34 and termination hearings. The juvenile shall be fully advised at the  
35 intake of his or her right to an attorney and of the relevant  
36 services an attorney can provide. For the purpose of this section,  
37 intake interviews mean all interviews regarding the diversion  
38 agreement process.

39 ~~((The juvenile shall be advised that a diversion agreement shall~~  
40 ~~constitute a part of the juvenile's criminal history as defined by~~

1 ~~RCW 13.40.020(8). A signed acknowledgment of such advisement shall be~~  
2 ~~obtained from the juvenile, and the document shall be maintained by~~  
3 ~~the diversion unit together with the diversion agreement, and a copy~~  
4 ~~of both documents shall be delivered to the prosecutor if requested~~  
5 ~~by the prosecutor. The supreme court shall promulgate rules setting~~  
6 ~~forth the content of such advisement in simple language.))~~

7 (12) When a juvenile enters into a diversion agreement, the  
8 juvenile court may receive only the following information for  
9 dispositional purposes:

10 (a) The fact that a charge or charges were made;

11 (b) The fact that a diversion agreement was entered into;

12 (c) The juvenile's obligations under such agreement;

13 (d) Whether the alleged offender performed his or her obligations  
14 under such agreement; and

15 (e) The facts of the alleged offense.

16 (13) A diversion unit may refuse to enter into a diversion  
17 agreement with a juvenile. When a diversion unit refuses to enter a  
18 diversion agreement with a juvenile, it shall immediately refer such  
19 juvenile to the court for action and shall forward to the court the  
20 criminal complaint and a detailed statement of its reasons for  
21 refusing to enter into a diversion agreement. The diversion unit  
22 shall also immediately refer the case to the prosecuting attorney for  
23 action if such juvenile violates the terms of the diversion  
24 agreement.

25 (14) A diversion unit may, in instances where it determines that  
26 the act or omission of an act for which a juvenile has been referred  
27 to it involved no victim, or where it determines that the juvenile  
28 referred to it has no prior criminal history and is alleged to have  
29 committed an illegal act involving no threat of or instance of actual  
30 physical harm and involving not more than (~~fifty dollars~~) \$50 in  
31 property loss or damage and that there is no loss outstanding to the  
32 person or firm suffering such damage or loss, counsel and release or  
33 release such a juvenile without entering into a diversion agreement.  
34 A diversion unit's authority to counsel and release a juvenile under  
35 this subsection includes the authority to refer the juvenile to  
36 community-based counseling or treatment programs or a restorative  
37 justice program. Any juvenile released under this subsection shall be  
38 advised that the act or omission of any act for which he or she had  
39 been referred shall constitute a part of the juvenile's criminal  
40 history as defined by RCW 13.40.020(8). A signed acknowledgment of

1 such advisement shall be obtained from the juvenile, and the document  
2 shall be maintained by the unit, and a copy of the document shall be  
3 delivered to the prosecutor if requested by the prosecutor. The  
4 supreme court shall promulgate rules setting forth the content of  
5 such advisement in simple language. A juvenile determined to be  
6 eligible by a diversion unit for release as provided in this  
7 subsection shall retain the same right to counsel and right to have  
8 his or her case referred to the court for formal action as any other  
9 juvenile referred to the unit.

10 (15) A diversion unit may supervise the fulfillment of a  
11 diversion agreement entered into before the juvenile's (~~eighteenth~~)  
12 18th birthday and which includes a period extending beyond the  
13 diverttee's (~~eighteenth~~) 18th birthday.

14 (16) If restitution required by a diversion agreement cannot  
15 reasonably be paid due to a change of circumstance, the diversion  
16 agreement may be modified at the request of the diverttee and with the  
17 concurrence of the diversion unit to convert unpaid restitution into  
18 community restitution. The modification of the diversion agreement  
19 shall be in writing and signed by the diverttee and the diversion  
20 unit. The number of hours of community restitution in lieu of a  
21 monetary penalty shall be converted at the rate of the prevailing  
22 state minimum wage per hour.

23 (17) In no case may a diversion be entered into for an offense  
24 committed on or after the juvenile's 18th birthday.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.06.010 and 1983 c 191 s 1 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 It is the intention of the legislature in enacting this chapter  
28 to increase the protection afforded the citizens of this state, to  
29 require community planning, to provide necessary services and  
30 supervision for juvenile offenders in the community when appropriate,  
31 to reduce reliance on state-operated correctional institutions for  
32 offenders whose standard range disposition does not include  
33 commitment of the offender to the department, (~~and~~) to encourage  
34 the community to efficiently and effectively provide community  
35 services to juvenile offenders through consolidation of service  
36 delivery systems, and to provide effective services and referrals to  
37 referred and diverted youth to prevent the need for formal court  
38 involvement whenever possible.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.06.030 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 717 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       (1) The department of children, youth, and families shall adopt  
4 rules prescribing minimum standards for the operation of consolidated  
5 juvenile services programs for juvenile offenders and such other  
6 rules as may be necessary for the administration of the provisions of  
7 this chapter.

8       (2) Consolidated juvenile services is a mechanism through which  
9 the department of children, youth, and families supports local county  
10 comprehensive program plans in providing services to offender groups.

11       (3) Standards for consolidated juvenile services shall be  
12 sufficiently flexible to support current programs which have  
13 demonstrated effectiveness and efficiency, to foster development of  
14 innovative and improved services for juvenile offenders, to permit  
15 direct contracting with private vendors, and to encourage community  
16 support for and assistance to local programs.

17       (4) Consolidated juvenile services include programs and services  
18 developed for referred and diverted youth.

19       (5) The secretary of children, youth, and families shall seek  
20 advice from appropriate juvenile justice system participants in  
21 developing standards and procedures for the operation of consolidated  
22 juvenile services programs and the distribution of funds under this  
23 chapter.

24       **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.06.040 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 718 are each  
25 amended to read as follows:

26       Any county or group of counties may make application to the  
27 department of children, youth, and families in the manner and form  
28 prescribed by the department for financial aid for the cost of  
29 consolidated juvenile services programs. Any such application must  
30 include a plan or plans for providing consolidated services to  
31 juvenile offenders and diverted or referred youth in accordance with  
32 standards of the department.

33       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40  
34 RCW to read as follows:

35       (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this  
36 specific purpose, the department shall establish a grant program  
37 within the office of juvenile justice to support community-based

1 programs that divert youth from entering or reentering the juvenile  
2 justice system.

3 (2) Community-based programs selected to receive grant funding  
4 under this section must:

5 (a) Aim to reduce racial and ethnic disparities; and

6 (b) (i) Apply in coordination with a school or school district,  
7 law enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney's office, or juvenile  
8 court; or

9 (ii) Apply as a school or school district.

10 (3) Grant funding provided under this section must be distributed  
11 with a priority for:

12 (a) Community-based organizations as the primary applicant;

13 (b) Ensuring geographic diversity; and

14 (c) Smaller community-based organizations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 13.06  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this  
18 specific purpose, the administrative office of the courts, in  
19 consultation with the department of children, youth, and families,  
20 and the Washington association of juvenile court administrators,  
21 shall develop common definitions, outcome measures, and data  
22 collection methods for both informal and formal juvenile diversion  
23 programs.

24 (2) In developing the items described in subsection (1) of this  
25 section, the administrative office of the courts shall work towards:

26 (a) Obtaining timely and accurate data from the juvenile courts  
27 regarding all formal diversion agreements that allow for reporting  
28 the number and rate of formal diversions, disaggregated by  
29 jurisdiction, race, ethnicity, and gender;

30 (b) Developing methods to define, categorize, and track the use  
31 of informal diversion agreements;

32 (c) Engaging in partnerships with community-based organizations;  
33 and

34 (d) Implementing goals identified by the administrative office of  
35 the courts, the department of children, youth, and families, and the  
36 Washington association of juvenile court administrators.

37 (3) By July 1, 2026, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the  
38 administrative office of the courts shall submit a report to the



1 appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor based on  
2 the requirements of this section.

3 (4) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4 **Sec. 9.** RCW 2.56.032 and 2019 c 312 s 17 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) (a) (~~To accurately track the extent to which courts order~~  
7 ~~youth into a secure detention facility in Washington state for the~~  
8 ~~violation of a court order related to a truancy, at-risk youth, or a~~  
9 ~~child in need of services petition, all)) All juvenile courts shall  
10 transmit youth-level secure detention data and juvenile diversion  
11 agreement data to the administrative office of the courts.~~

12 (b) Data may either be entered into the statewide management  
13 information system for juvenile courts or securely transmitted to the  
14 administrative office of the courts at least monthly. Juvenile courts  
15 shall provide, at a minimum, the name and date of birth for the  
16 youth(~~(r)~~) and the referral number or court case number (~~(assigned to~~  
17 ~~the petition,r)~~) associated with the event. For secure detention  
18 events, courts shall provide the reasons for admission to the  
19 juvenile detention facility, the date of admission, the date of exit,  
20 and the time the youth spent in secure confinement. For diversion  
21 agreement events, the courts shall provide the date of the diversion  
22 agreement and the outcome of the agreement.

23 (c) Courts are also encouraged to report individual-level data  
24 reflecting (~~whether~~):

25 (i) Whether a detention alternative, such as electronic  
26 monitoring, was used, and the time spent in detention alternatives;  
27 and

28 (ii) Informal diversion events where no formal diversion  
29 agreement is entered into.

30 (d) The administrative office of the courts and the juvenile  
31 court administrators must work to develop uniform data standards for  
32 detention and diversion.

33 (2) The administrative office of the courts shall deliver an  
34 annual statewide report to the legislature that details the number of  
35 Washington youth who are placed into detention facilities during the  
36 preceding calendar year. The first report shall be delivered by March  
37 1, 2017, and shall detail the most serious reason for detention and  
38 youth gender, race, and ethnicity. The report must have a specific  
39 emphasis on youth who are detained for reasons relating to a truancy,

1 at-risk youth, or a child in need of services petition. The report  
2 must:

3 (a) Consider the written findings described in RCW  
4 7.21.030(2)(e)(ii)(B), and provide an analysis of the rationale and  
5 evidence used and the less restrictive options considered;

6 (b) Monitor the utilization of alternatives to detention;

7 (c) Track trends in the use of at-risk youth petitions;

8 (d) Track trends in the use of secure residential programs with  
9 intensive wraparound services; and

10 (e) Track the race and gender of youth with at-risk petitions.

11 (3) The administrative office of the courts shall deliver an  
12 annual statewide report to the legislature that details,  
13 disaggregated by age, race, ethnicity, gender, tribal affiliation if  
14 known, and county (including the rate per 1,000 youth), the number of  
15 Washington youth who enter into a formal diversion agreement each  
16 calendar year. The report must indicate:

17 (a) How many diversions are entered into before filing an  
18 information and how many diversions are entered into after an  
19 information is filed;

20 (b) The number of successfully completed diversions;

21 (c) The rate of successfully completed diversions;

22 (d) The types of alleged offenses referred to diversion;

23 (e) The number and rate of refused diversions and whether the  
24 diversion was refused by the youth or the court;

25 (f) The number and type of disposition alternatives granted each  
26 calendar year and how many are revoked;

27 (g) The number of law enforcement referrals to a prosecuting  
28 attorney alleging the commission of a juvenile offense each calendar  
29 year organized by referring agency; and

30 (h) The number of school referrals to a prosecuting attorney  
31 alleging the commission of a juvenile offense each calendar year  
32 organized by school district.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. RCW 13.40.020 applies to all completed  
34 juvenile diversion agreements and those which are in place but not  
35 yet completed on or after the effective date of this section,  
36 regardless of when the underlying offense was committed.

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