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1 AN ACT Relating to community planning for children, youth, and
2 family services; amending RCW 74.14A.020, 74.15.010, and 84.52.0531;
3 adding a new section to Title 28A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 43.63A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 43.41 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 74.14A
6 RCW; creating new sections; making an appropriation; providing a
7 contingent effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a primary goal of
10 public involvement in the lives of children has been to strengthen the
11 family unit.

12 However, the legislature recognizes that traditional two-parent
13 families with one parent routinely at home are now in the minority. In
14 addition, extended family and natural community supports have eroded
15 drastically. The legislature recognizes that public policy assumptions
16 must be altered to account for this new social reality. Expanded
17 public effort to support, strengthen, and help refashion family and
18 community associations to care for children is now required of
19 government.

1 For these reasons, it is the purpose of this act to modify public
2 policy and programs to empower communities to support and respond to
3 the needs of individual families and children. The state shall focus
4 public policy on community strategies that empower families to preserve
5 and protect their children, and support alternative community
6 environments for children who are out of the care of their family.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that the purposes of
8 this act will best be implemented through the partial decentralization
9 and reconfiguration of the department of social and health services'
10 administration and programs in a method harmonious with the goals of
11 greater efficiency and increased local coordination.

12 Consistent with this finding the department of social and health
13 services shall, by July 1, 1995, develop and implement a plan to: (1)
14 Decentralize portions of its decision-making and operational planning;
15 (2) develop new allotment and fiscal tracking systems compatible with
16 the intent of this act; (3) streamline and enhance child care licensing
17 procedures; (4) decentralize child care licensors; (5) increase
18 monitoring of and enforcement of unlicensed child care providers; (6)
19 increase incentives to encourage licensure of all child care providers;
20 and (7) begin block granting nonentitlement child care.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.14A.020 and 1983 c 192 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (~~The department of social and health services~~) State efforts
24 shall address the needs of children and their families, including
25 emotionally disturbed and mentally ill children, potentially dependent
26 children, and families-in-conflict by:

27 (1) Serving children and families as a unit in the least
28 restrictive setting available and in close proximity to the family
29 home, consistent with the best interests and special needs of the
30 child;

31 (2) Ensuring that appropriate social and health services are
32 provided to the family unit both prior to the removal of a child from
33 the home and after family reunification;

34 (3) Ensuring that the safety and best interests of the child are
35 the paramount considerations when making placement and service delivery
36 decisions;

1 (4) Recognizing the interdependent and changing nature of families
2 and communities, building upon their inherent strengths, maintaining
3 their dignity and respect, and tailoring programs to their specific
4 circumstances;

5 (5) Developing and implementing comprehensive, preventive, and
6 early intervention social and health services which have demonstrated
7 the ability to delay or reduce the need for out-of-home placements and
8 ameliorate problems before they become chronic or severe;

9 ~~((4))~~ (6) Being sensitive to the family and community culture,
10 norms, values, and expectations, ensuring that all services are
11 provided in a culturally appropriate and relevant manner, and ensuring
12 participation of racial and ethnic minorities at all levels of
13 planning, delivery, and evaluation efforts;

14 (7)(a) Developing coordinated social and health services which:

15 ~~((a))~~ (i) Identify problems experienced by children and their
16 families early and provide services which are adequate in availability,
17 appropriate to the situation, and effective;

18 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Seek to bring about meaningful change before family
19 situations become irreversibly destructive and before disturbed
20 psychological behavioral patterns and health problems become severe or
21 permanent;

22 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Serve children and families in their own homes thus
23 preventing unnecessary out-of-home placement or institutionalization;

24 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Focus resources on social and health problems as they
25 begin to manifest themselves rather than waiting for chronic and severe
26 patterns of illness, criminality, and dependency to develop which
27 require long-term treatment, maintenance, or custody;

28 ~~((e))~~ (v) Reduce duplication of and gaps in service delivery;

29 ~~((f))~~ (vi) Improve planning, budgeting, and communication among
30 all units of the department serving children and families; and

31 ~~((g))~~ (vii) Develop outcome standards for measuring the
32 effectiveness of social and health services for children and families.

33 (b) In developing services under this subsection, local communities
34 must be partners in planning and developing support networks that are
35 tailored to their unique needs.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, unless the context
37 indicates otherwise:

1 (1) "Political subdivisions" means regional offices of state
2 agencies and counties.

3 (2) "Regional council for children, youth, and families" means the
4 authority created according to section 6 of this act, and shall include
5 representatives of local school districts, federally recognized Indian
6 tribes, cities, towns, citizens, consumers of social services,
7 political subdivisions, existing childrens' commissions, health
8 departments, early childhood education and assistance programs, and
9 ethnic minorities. The councils shall include, but are not limited to,
10 the largest school district, the largest county authority administering
11 a juvenile court, the largest health department, the largest early
12 childhood education and assistance program, and the largest department
13 regional child services office within their councils' boundaries.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) A children's services commission is
15 created to: (a) Review sections 4, 6 through 16, 19, and 21 of this
16 act for adoption or rejection; (b) review the issues related to the
17 creation of regional councils for children, youth, and families; (c)
18 review the scope of the council's duties; (d) identify programs and
19 funds that should be transferred to the council; (e) develop
20 recommendations on the number of regional councils that should be
21 created and the specific boundaries for the proposed regional councils;
22 (f) develop a list of all state and federal funded prevention and early
23 intervention programs for children, youth, and families, including a
24 description and current budget for each program; and (g) review any
25 other related matters as determined by the chair of the commission.

26 (2) The commission shall be composed of fourteen members, to be
27 appointed by the governor. The membership of the commission shall
28 include: The secretary of the department of social and health
29 services, who shall chair the commission; a citizen; a youth; a
30 consumer of social services; a representative of the department of
31 health, the department of community development, and the office of the
32 superintendent of public instruction; and one representative of a
33 county, a city, a town, a federally recognized Indian tribe, a school
34 district, an existing children's commission, and a private agency
35 provider of children's services. The governor shall ensure the racial,
36 ethnic, and geographic diversity in the commission's membership.

37 (3) The commission shall specifically adopt or reject the
38 provisions contained in each of the following sections of this act:

1 Sections 4, 6 through 16, 19, and 21. If the commission rejects any of
2 these sections it shall identify the reasons for rejection and shall
3 propose alternative recommendations.

4 (4) The commission shall submit a preliminary report to the
5 legislature, by January 1, 1994, containing: (a) Recommendations on
6 the number of regional councils that should be created and the specific
7 boundaries for the proposed regional councils; (b) a list of all state
8 and federal funded prevention and early intervention programs for
9 children, youth, and families, including a description and current
10 budget for each program. The commission shall submit a final report
11 containing its recommendations to the senate health and human services
12 committee, the house of representatives human services committee, and
13 the code reviser, by January 1, 1995.

14 (5) Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for travel
15 expenses in the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW
16 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The department of social and health
18 services, the department of health, the department of community
19 development, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction
20 shall execute an interagency agreement to ensure the coordination of
21 their local program efforts regarding children. This agreement shall
22 recognize and give specific planning, coordination, and program
23 administration responsibilities to a system of not less than six or
24 more than twelve regional councils for children, youth, and families.
25 The councils shall encourage the development of integrated, regionally
26 based children, youth, and family activities and services with adequate
27 local flexibility to accomplish the purposes stated in sections 1 and
28 2, chapter . . . , Laws of 1993 (sections 1 and 2 of this act) and RCW
29 74.14A.020.

30 (2) To assure this regional system, the secretary shall assist in
31 the development of a locally controlled system of regional councils for
32 children, youth, and families. Political subdivisions shall submit
33 requests for the creation of regional councils to the governor along
34 with a list of names proposed for membership consideration. The
35 governor shall appoint members of the regional councils for terms of
36 three years, except in the case of a vacancy, in which event
37 appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. As soon
38 as possible, but in no case later than December 1, 1995, the agreement

1 shall recognize regional councils for children, youth, and families
2 requested by political subdivisions and whose members have been
3 appointed by the governor.

4 (3) The councils shall exercise the planning, coordinating, and
5 program administration functions specified by the state interagency
6 agreement in addition to other activities required by law, and shall
7 participate in the planning process required by chapter 326, Laws of
8 1991.

9 (4) The secretary shall contract with the councils, on a block
10 grant basis, for the administration of an integrated program of
11 community support for children, youth, and families as soon as
12 possible, but in no case later than June 30, 1997. The contract shall
13 include state and federal funds currently appropriated for at least:

14 (a) The prevention and early intervention programs contracted with
15 private agencies on January 1, 1993;

16 (b) Consolidated juvenile services;

17 (c) All residential and foster care services;

18 (d) The first steps program; and

19 (e) Other programs as decided by law.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to Title 28A RCW to
21 read as follows:

22 The superintendent of public instruction shall contract with the
23 councils established in section 6 of this act, on a single, block grant
24 basis, for the administration of an integrated program of community
25 support for children, youth, and families as soon as possible, but in
26 no case later than June 30, 1997. The contracts shall include state
27 and federal funds currently appropriated for at least the following
28 programs:

29 (1) Drug and alcohol prevention under chapter 28A.170 RCW;

30 (2) The Fair Start program;

31 (3) School psychological and social counseling services; and

32 (4) School health and nutrition services.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The department of community development shall contract with the
36 councils established in section 6 of this act, on a single, block grant
37 basis, for the administration of an integrated program of community

1 support for children, youth, and families as soon as possible, but in
2 no case later than June 30, 1997. The contracts shall include state
3 and federal funds currently appropriated for at least the early
4 childhood education and assistance program.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department of health shall contract with the councils
8 established in section 6 of this act, on a single, block grant,
9 capitated basis, for the administration of an integrated program of
10 community support for children, youth, and families as soon as
11 possible, but in no case later than June 30, 1997. The contracts shall
12 include state and federal funds currently appropriated for all health
13 education and health promotion programs where the primary target
14 population is children.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) Any state or federal funds identified
16 for contracts with councils established according to section 6 of this
17 act shall be transferred with no reductions and shall from the date of
18 transfer, receive the same cost of living adjustments that may be
19 appropriated and allocated for state employees. No political
20 subdivision or other council participant may reduce their funding for
21 children or family services below that provided on the effective date
22 of this section.

23 (2) If there exists any federal restrictions against the transfer
24 of funds, for the programs enumerated in sections 6 through 9 of this
25 act, to the regional councils for children, youth, and families, the
26 department or agency currently responsible for the administration of
27 those funds shall immediately apply to the federal government for
28 waivers of the federal restrictions. Each department or agency shall
29 obtain approval of the waiver request from the office of financial
30 management prior to its submittal to the federal government.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The office of financial management shall review the administration
34 of funds as modified by sections 6 through 10 of this act and shall by
35 January 1, 1997, propose legislation to complete interdepartmental
36 transfers of funds or programs needed to place all programs and funds

1 affected by sections 6 through 10 of this act into a single existing
2 state agency. The proposal shall place these programs in a single
3 state agency whose statutory purpose, mission, goals, and operating
4 philosophy most closely supports the principles and purposes of
5 sections 1 and 2, chapter . . . , Laws of 1993 (sections 1 and 2 of this
6 act) and RCW 74.14A.020. The office of financial management may not
7 suggest the creation of a new state agency for the function unless,
8 after thorough review and documentation, the office of financial
9 management determines that no suitable state agency exists. The office
10 of financial management shall review statutes that authorize the
11 programs transferred by sections 6 through 10 of this act and suggest
12 legislation to eliminate statutory requirements that interfere with the
13 administration of sections 6 through 10 and 12 through 16 of this act.
14 However statutes establishing state authority to set program quality
15 standards and services minimums, including priority areas for
16 minorities, may not be suggested for elimination.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Regional councils for children, youth, and
18 families shall develop two-year children, youth, and family plans that
19 clearly responds to regional biennial needs assessments and interagency
20 service plans, goals of local school districts, public health
21 departments, juvenile courts and children's protective services
22 consistent with the intent and requirements of this chapter. Plans
23 shall be updated biennially and shall serve as a basis for contracting
24 according to the provisions of sections 6 through 9 and 15 of this act.

25 In these regional interagency service plans, the regional councils
26 for children, youth, and families shall address the needs of children,
27 youth, and families by planning for access to assistance that will
28 strengthen the healthy family unit or community organizations and
29 reduce or prevent conditions that undermine families or communities.
30 Such plans shall be consistent with the requirements of RCW 74.14A.020
31 and shall address, at a minimum, strategies to increase parental
32 involvement in child care and in developmental and educational
33 services. Such plans shall also seek to reduce the abuse of alcohol
34 and illegal substances by children and their parents, and interpersonal
35 violence and intentional injury to children. The plans shall also
36 include strategies to improve access to high quality, culturally
37 relevant services for all racial and ethnic minorities within the
38 region.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) The office of financial management, in
2 consultation with affected parties, shall establish a fund distribution
3 formula that reflects local needs assessments that considers:

4 (a) The number of at-risk children;

5 (b) The number of children in out-of-home placements;

6 (c) The number of recipients of aid to families with dependent
7 children and participants in the family independence program;

8 (d) The number of child protective services cases ranked according
9 to risk;

10 (e) The rate of detention for juveniles;

11 (f) Social and economic indicators including poverty and hunger;

12 (g) The number of convictions for crimes against children;

13 (h) The number of convictions for crimes related to illegal drug
14 and alcohol use;

15 (i) The number of child and teenage suicides;

16 (j) The school dropout rate;

17 (k) Children's mental health needs assessments; and

18 (l) The number of ethnic minority persons.

19 (2) The office of financial management shall submit a proposed
20 distribution formula in accordance with this section to the legislature
21 by January 1, 1996. The formula shall also include a projection of the
22 funding allocations that will result for each local council.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The implementation of regional councils for
24 children, youth, and families, shall be included in all federal and
25 state plans affecting the state's children, youth, and families,
26 including at least those required by this chapter and applicable
27 federal law. These plans shall be consistent with the intent and
28 requirements of this chapter.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** The secretary of social and health
30 services, the director of community development, the secretary of
31 health, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
32 shall:

33 (1) Disburse funds for the regional councils for children, youth,
34 and families that are ready to implement programs as soon as possible,
35 but in no case later than April 1, 1996;

36 (2) Enter into biennial contracts with regional councils for
37 children, youth, and families to begin implementation as soon as

1 possible, and complete implementation by June 30, 1997. The contracts
2 shall be consistent with available resources;

3 (3) By July 1, 1997, allocate one hundred percent of available
4 resources for programs regulated by this chapter to regional councils
5 for children, youth, and families in single block grants to each
6 council. The grants shall be distributed in accordance with a formula
7 submitted to the legislature by January 1, 1996, based on the
8 distribution formula in section 13 of this act; and

9 (4) Notify regional councils for children, youth, and families of
10 their allocation of available resources at least ninety days before the
11 start of a new biennial contract period.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** If no group of political subdivisions is
13 willing to assume powers and duties under this chapter by June 30,
14 1997, the office of financial management shall designate a single state
15 agency to do so and shall immediately transfer all funds and programs
16 specified in this chapter to that agency.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The secretary shall:

18 (1) Consult with relevant qualified professionals to develop a set
19 of minimum guidelines to be used for identifying all children who are
20 in a state-assisted support system, whether at-home or out-of-home, who
21 are likely to need long-term care or assistance, because they face
22 physical, emotional, medical, mental, or other long-term challenges.

23 (2) The guidelines shall, at a minimum, consider the following
24 criteria for identifying children in need of long-term care or
25 assistance:

26 (a) Placement within the foster care system for two years or more;

27 (b) Multiple foster care placements;

28 (c) Repeated unsuccessful efforts to be placed with a permanent
29 adoptive family;

30 (d) Chronic behavioral or educational problems;

31 (e) Repetitive criminal acts or offenses;

32 (f) Failure to comply with court-ordered disciplinary actions and
33 other imposed guidelines of behavior, including drug and alcohol
34 rehabilitation; and

35 (g) Chronic physical, emotional, medical, mental, or other similar
36 conditions necessitating long-term care or assistance.

1 (3) Develop programs that are necessary for the long-term care of
2 children and youth that are identified for the purposes of this
3 section. Programs shall: (a) Effectively address the educational,
4 physical, emotional, mental, and medical needs of children and youth;
5 and (b) incorporate an array of family support options, to individual
6 needs and choices of the child and family. The programs shall be ready
7 for implementation by January 1, 1994.

8 (4) Conduct an evaluation of all children currently within the
9 foster care agency caseload to identify those children who meet the
10 criteria set forth in this section. The evaluation shall be completed
11 by January 1, 1994. All children entering the foster care system after
12 January 1, 1994, shall be evaluated for identification of long-term
13 needs within thirty days of placement.

14 (5) Study and develop a comprehensive plan for the evaluation and
15 identification of all children and youth in need of long-term care or
16 assistance, including, but not limited to, the mentally ill,
17 developmentally disabled, medically fragile, seriously emotionally or
18 behaviorally disabled, and physically impaired.

19 (6) Study and develop a plan for the children and youth in need of
20 long-term care or assistance to ensure the coordination of services
21 between the department's divisions and between other state agencies who
22 are involved with the child or youth.

23 (7) Study and develop guidelines for transitional services, between
24 long-term care programs, based on the person's age or mental, physical,
25 emotional, or medical condition.

26 (8) Study and develop a statutory proposal for the emancipation of
27 minors and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature
28 by January 1, 1994.

29 **Sec. 18.** RCW 74.15.010 and 1983 c 3 s 192 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 The purpose of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 is:

32 (1) To safeguard the well-being of children, expectant mothers and
33 developmentally disabled persons receiving care away from their own
34 homes;

35 (2) To strengthen and encourage family unity and to sustain
36 parental rights and responsibilities to the end that foster care is
37 provided only when a child's family, through the use of all available
38 resources, is unable to provide necessary care;

1 (3) To ensure the availability and development of an array of
2 residential and family support options that sustain family involvement,
3 preserve family integrity, and appropriately meet the health and
4 developmental needs of children in need of long-term care or
5 assistance;

6 (4) To promote the development of a sufficient number and variety
7 of adequate child-care and maternity-care facilities, both public and
8 private, through the cooperative efforts of public and voluntary
9 agencies and related groups((-));

10 (~~(4)~~) (5) To provide consultation to agencies caring for
11 children, expectant mothers or developmentally disabled persons in
12 order to help them to improve their methods of and facilities for care;

13 (~~(5)~~) (6) To license agencies as defined in RCW 74.15.020 and to
14 assure the users of such agencies, their parents, the community at
15 large and the agencies themselves that adequate minimum standards are
16 maintained by all agencies caring for children, expectant mothers and
17 developmentally disabled persons.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. The legislature recognizes the inherent
19 difficulties in ensuring efficient delivery of services and public
20 access to services in rural counties of the state. The large distances
21 that exist between cities and towns, combined with a lack of convenient
22 public transportation, can make it difficult for many families to reach
23 state or county agencies during working hours. Therefore, regional
24 councils shall agree to the shared use of local and county facilities,
25 including school district facilities, where agency service delivery and
26 access would be improved for residents of rural counties or remote
27 population centers. Such agreements shall be made in accordance with
28 section 6 of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. The department is authorized to establish
30 a pilot project in a rural county in southwest Washington for the
31 purpose of establishing an intensive community-based and family-
32 centered program designed to create improved situations of permanency
33 for children and families.

34 **Sec. 21.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1992 c 49 s 1 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

1 The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school
2 district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of
3 RCW 84.52.053 shall be determined as follows:

4 (1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1992, the
5 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and
6 rules in effect in November 1991.

7 (2) For the purpose of this section, the basic education allocation
8 shall be determined pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and
9 28A.150.350: PROVIDED, That when determining the basic education
10 allocation under subsection (4) of this section, nonresident full time
11 equivalent pupils who are participating in a program provided for in
12 chapter 28A.545 RCW or in any other program pursuant to an
13 interdistrict agreement shall be included in the enrollment of the
14 resident district and excluded from the enrollment of the serving
15 district.

16 (3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
17 thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) and (b)
18 of this subsection minus (c) of this subsection:

19 (a) The district's levy base as defined in subsection (4) of this
20 section multiplied by the district's maximum levy percentage as defined
21 in subsection (5) of this section;

22 (b) In the case of nonhigh school districts only, an amount equal
23 to the total estimated amount due by the nonhigh school district to
24 high school districts pursuant to chapter 28A.545 RCW for the school
25 year during which collection of the levy is to commence, less the
26 increase in the nonhigh school district's basic education allocation as
27 computed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section due to the
28 inclusion of pupils participating in a program provided for in chapter
29 28A.545 RCW in such computation;

30 (c) The maximum amount of state matching funds under RCW
31 28A.500.010 for which the district is eligible in that tax collection
32 year.

33 (4) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
34 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in
35 (a) through ~~((e))~~ (d) of this subsection received by the district for
36 the prior school year, including allocations for compensation
37 increases, plus the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent
38 increase per full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic
39 education appropriation section of the biennial budget between the

1 prior school year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five
2 percent. A district's levy base shall not include local school
3 district property tax levies or other local revenues, or state and
4 federal allocations not identified in (a) through ~~((e))~~ (d) of this
5 subsection.

6 (a) The district's basic education allocation as determined
7 pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.350;

8 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following
9 programs:

10 (i) Pupil transportation;

11 (ii) Handicapped education;

12 (iii) Education of highly capable students;

13 (iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to learning
14 assistance, migrant education, Indian education, refugee programs, and
15 bilingual education;

16 (v) Food services; and

17 (vi) State-wide block grant programs; ~~((and))~~

18 (c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary
19 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid
20 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes; and

21 (d) Any moneys transferred to regional councils under section 7 of
22 this act that are not included in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

23 (5) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
24 thereafter, a district's maximum levy percentage shall be determined as
25 follows:

26 (a) Multiply the district's maximum levy percentage for the prior
27 year by the district's levy base as determined in subsection (4) of
28 this section;

29 (b) Reduce the amount in (a) of this subsection by the total
30 estimated amount of any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection
31 (6) of this section which are to be allocated to the district for the
32 current school year;

33 (c) Divide the amount in (b) of this subsection by the district's
34 levy base to compute a new percentage; and

35 (d) The percentage in (c) of this subsection or twenty percent,
36 whichever is greater, shall be the district's maximum levy percentage
37 for levies collected in that calendar year.

38 (6) "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state funds from
39 the prior school year for programs included under subsection (4) of

1 this section: (a) That are not attributable to enrollment changes,
2 compensation increases, or inflationary adjustments; and (b) that are
3 or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the
4 appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are dependent on formula
5 factors which would not be finalized until after the start of the
6 current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall
7 estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by using prior school
8 year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds
9 shall not include moneys received by school districts from cities or
10 counties.

11 (7) For the purposes of this section, "prior school year" shall
12 mean the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which
13 the levies are to be collected.

14 (8) For the purposes of this section, "current school year" shall
15 mean the year immediately following the prior school year.

16 (9) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules
17 and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data
18 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** (1) The state center for children, youth,
20 and families is hereby created. The center shall serve as the
21 clearinghouse for information concerning innovations in children,
22 youth, and family issues aimed at reducing events that weaken a
23 family's ability to provide for its children and at providing care for
24 children who have no parents able or willing to provide care.
25 Information from the clearinghouse shall be available on request to the
26 children, youth, and family networks. The center shall also provide
27 technical assistance to the children's services commission created
28 under section 5 of this act on prevention and early intervention
29 issues, including community protection and prevention of violence
30 toward children, youth, and families, and sexual exploitation of
31 children and youth.

32 (2) The center shall review any data collected pursuant to this
33 chapter to:

34 (a) Identify high priority children, youth, and family issues that
35 require study or evaluation. Such issues may include, but are not
36 limited to:

37 (i) Evaluation of outcomes of children, youth, and family
38 interventions to assess their benefit to the people of the state;

1 (ii) Evaluation of specific population groups to identify needed
2 changes in children, youth, and family support services;

3 (iii) Evaluation of the risks and benefits of various incentives
4 aimed at individuals for both preventing family dysfunction and
5 improving community and state support for children, youth, and
6 families;

7 (iv) Evaluation of the incidence of ethnic and racial
8 disproportionality among programs, examination of the implications of
9 disproportionality as it relates to the availability and accessibility
10 of services, and identification of needed changes in the service
11 delivery system.

12 (b) Create a list of issues to study, specifying the objectives of
13 each study, the study timeline, the specific improvements in the
14 ability of communities to support children, youth, and families
15 expected as a result of the study, and the estimated cost of the study.
16 The list shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature as part
17 of the biennial budget process. However, no study activity may be
18 undertaken by the center without specific statutory authority and
19 budget from the legislature.

20 (3) Any data, research, or findings obtained at the center may be
21 made available to the general public, including health professionals;
22 the children's services commission created under section 5 of this act;
23 any existing children's commissions; health and children, youth, and
24 family associations; the governor; professional boards; regulatory
25 agencies; and any person or group who has provided data for the center.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
27 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
28 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the
29 department of social and health services for the purposes of section 20
30 of this act.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** Sections 5, 17, 20, and 22 of this act are
32 each added to chapter 74.14A RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** Sections 4, 6 through 16, 19, and 21 of
34 this act shall not take effect unless adopted by the children's
35 services commission, created under section 5 of this act, in the
36 commission's report due January 1, 1995. Every section adopted in the

1 commission's report shall take effect on July 1, 1995. If the
2 commission fails to adopt or reject any of the enumerated sections of
3 this act those sections shall take effect on July 1, 1995.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** Section 5 of this act is necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
6 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
7 and shall take effect immediately.

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