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Brief Title: Requiring court-ordered use of long-term pharmaceutical birth control for mothers who have given birth to a baby with drug addiction.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 3RD SUB)

Directs the department of social and health services to operate four pilot projects in communities served by the parent and child assistance program to provide services to drug-addicted women who give birth to drug-addicted infants.

Provides that the first referral of a drug-addicted woman who has given birth to a drug-addicted baby shall result in the offering of: (1) Voluntary chemical dependency treatment, counseling, and support services, modeled after the successful six-year demonstration birth-to-three program at the University of Washington; and

(2) voluntary family planning information, education, and counseling.

Provides that the second referral of a drug-addicted woman who has given birth to a drug-addicted baby shall result in the provision of: (1) Mandatory chemical dependency treatment, counseling, and support services, modeled after the successful six-year demonstration birth-to-three program at the University of Washington; and

(2) voluntary long-term birth control and related education and counseling.

Provides that the third referral of a drug-addicted woman who has given birth to a drug-addicted baby shall result in the provision of: (1) Mandatory chemical dependency treatment, counseling, and support services; and

(2) mandatory long-term birth control and related education and counseling through the procedure established under this act.

Designates procedures to file a petition with the superior or district court related to the woman's participation in chemical dependency treatment, counseling, and support services and the use of long-term pharmaceutical birth control.