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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Boldt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a blended funding demonstration project to
2 provide services to disturbed youth; adding a new chapter to Title 74
3 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that new
6 approaches are needed to serve youth with either serious emotional
7 disturbances or serious behavioral disturbances or both.

8 (2) The legislature finds that an organization with a long history
9 of serving youth has secured private foundation funding that can be
10 combined with existing state appropriated funding to establish a
11 blended funding demonstration project to test a new partnership
12 approach for serving youth with either serious emotional disturbances
13 or serious behavioral disturbances or both.

14 (3) The legislature declares its support for the creative
15 application of statutory authority by the department to implement this
16 blended funding demonstration project.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) After an open, competitive process to
18 solicit requests for proposals, the secretary and the superintendent of

1 public instruction may enter into a joint agreement with an
2 organization with a long history of serving youth that has secured
3 private foundation funding to be combined with existing state
4 appropriated funding to establish a blended funding demonstration
5 project to test a new partnership approach for serving youth with
6 either serious emotional disturbances or serious behavioral
7 disturbances or both. The secretary of the department shall have
8 primary responsibility for negotiating and executing the joint
9 agreement. For purposes of this section, "open, competitive process to
10 solicit requests for proposals" shall include publishing a notice in a
11 newspaper of general circulation most likely to bring responsive bids
12 at least once thirteen days before the last date upon which bids will
13 be accepted, inviting sealed proposals for conducting the blended
14 funding demonstration project specified in section 3 of this act.

15 (2) The secretary and the superintendent of public instruction may
16 transfer to the organization described in this section appropriations
17 made in the biennial operating budget. These funds represent a
18 reallocation of existing resources used to serve youth with either
19 serious emotional disturbances or serious behavioral disturbances or
20 both. The secretary may transfer the funds described in this section
21 notwithstanding RCW 71.24.035(15)(c).

22 (3) If any federal restrictions exist that create barriers to the
23 transfer of funds appropriated to the department or the superintendent
24 of public instruction, or if other federal requirements exist that
25 hamper the implementation of the blended funding demonstration project
26 described in this section, the secretary and the superintendent of
27 public instruction may assist the governor in immediately applying to
28 the federal government for waivers of the federal restrictions or
29 requirements.

30 (4) The secretary and the superintendent of public instruction may
31 exercise existing statutory authority to the extent necessary to
32 facilitate the immediate and complete implementation of this blended
33 funding demonstration project.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If the secretary and superintendent of
35 public instruction enter into a joint agreement as described in section
36 1 of this act, the blended funding demonstration project to test a new
37 partnership approach for serving youth with either serious emotional
38 disturbances or serious behavioral disturbances or both shall:

1 (1) Serve at least twenty-seven youth in the least restrictive
2 setting at a lower cost than traditional approaches;

3 (2) Provide a comprehensive assessment, family advocacy, care
4 monitoring, and evaluation;

5 (3) Provide individual and family therapy, therapeutic child care,
6 crisis intervention, residential care, and access to other services
7 through community-based partner agencies;

8 (4) Create and maintain a data tracking system; and

9 (5) Evaluate the individual outcomes of the youth served by
10 reviewing academic performance, placements in psychiatric
11 hospitalization or residential care, involvement with the juvenile
12 justice system, out-of-home placement, and quality and amount of
13 community involvement. The evaluation shall compare the results of
14 children receiving the services described above with the results of a
15 similar cohort of children receiving traditional services in a
16 residential setting.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
18 a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
22 July 1, 2001.

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