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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2295**

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**By** House Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Williams, Seaquist, and Darneille)

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1           AN ACT Relating to the organization of the department of social and  
2 health services; amending RCW 43.20A.090 and 71.24.360; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

5           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7           (1) The department shall adopt a rule specifying the number and  
8 geographic boundaries of the department's regional service delivery  
9 system.

10           (2) Each departmental administration and division shall reorganize  
11 its delivery system to be consistent with the department's regional  
12 boundaries.

13           **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.20A.090 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 515 are each amended  
14 to read as follows:

15           The secretary shall appoint a deputy secretary, a department  
16 personnel director, and such assistant secretaries as shall be needed  
17 to administer the department. The deputy secretary shall have charge  
18 and general supervision of the department in the absence or disability

1 of the secretary, and in case of a vacancy in the office of secretary,  
2 shall continue in charge of the department until a successor is  
3 appointed and qualified, or until the governor shall appoint an acting  
4 secretary. (~~The secretary shall appoint an assistant secretary to~~  
5 ~~administer the juvenile rehabilitation responsibilities required of the~~  
6 ~~department by chapters 13.04, 13.40, and 13.50 RCW.)) The officers  
7 appointed under this section, and exempt from the provisions of the  
8 state civil service law (~~by the terms of RCW 41.06.076~~), shall be  
9 paid salaries to be fixed by the governor in accordance with the  
10 procedure established by law for the fixing of salaries for officers  
11 exempt from the operation of the state civil service law.~~

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 71.24.360 and 2005 c 504 s 805 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The department may establish new regional support network  
15 boundaries in any part of the state where more than one network chooses  
16 not to respond to, or is unable to substantially meet the requirements  
17 of, the request for qualifications under section 4, chapter 503, Laws  
18 of 2005 or where a regional support network is subject to reprourement  
19 under section 6, chapter 503, Laws of 2005. The department may  
20 establish no fewer than (~~eight~~) three and no more than (~~fourteen~~)  
21 six regional support networks under this chapter. (~~No entity shall be~~  
22 ~~responsible for more than three regional support networks.~~)

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