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1 AN ACT Relating to establishment of a community mobilization
2 program for teens; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
6 population of teens in Washington state will be declining through the
7 mid-1990's, and that, in light of this declining population, our state
8 has a growing need for highly skilled and motivated workers that are
9 members of healthy families. Therefore, Washington state cannot afford
10 to lose any teens to substance abuse, teen pregnancy, juvenile crime,
11 or dropping out of school. The legislature further finds that teens
12 who drop out of school are two to three times more likely to live in
13 poverty as adults. Teen mothers are less likely to finish high school,
14 more likely to be separated or divorced, and more likely to live in
15 poverty. Their children are more likely to exhibit lower academic

1 achievement and to show a tendency to repeat their mother's pattern of
2 early childbearing. Teens who abuse drugs and alcohol are more likely
3 to be school drop outs and engage in criminal behavior.

4 (2) The legislature further finds that the most effective strategy
5 to comprehensively meet the diverse needs of teens is through
6 collaborative efforts of government agencies, youth service
7 organizations, businesses, schools, parents, and teens to plan and
8 provide services to teens.

9 (3) The legislature further finds that local communities are best
10 able to determine the most appropriate design and location of programs
11 to comprehensively and cooperatively support teens in their community.

12 (4) The purpose of this chapter is to equip teens with the
13 resources, skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to maintain a
14 healthy lifestyle and successfully enter the job market or pursue
15 higher education, through the establishment of community mobilization
16 projects for teens in six pilot sites geographically distributed
17 throughout the state.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Definitions. (1) "Department" means the
19 department of social and health services.

20 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social and
21 health services.

22 (3) "Community" means an individual political subdivision of the
23 state, a group of such political subdivisions, or a geographic area
24 within a political subdivision.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) There is established in the
26 department a community mobilization program for teens, which shall fund
27 and coordinate six community-based projects to develop targeted and
28 coordinated strategies to meet the needs of teens.

1 (2) Applications for project funding under this chapter shall:

2 (a) Define the community requesting funding;

3 (b) Contain evidence of the active participation of public and
4 private entities in the community, including the various communities of
5 color, that are now providing, or might appropriately provide, services
6 to teens, including, at a minimum, schools, law enforcement, local
7 government, youth services agencies and organizations, job training
8 organizations, mental health, and health care providers;

9 (c) Demonstrate establishment of a project advisory board composed
10 of teens, parents, and representatives of a broad cross-section of
11 other community members who have an interest in meeting the needs of
12 teens, and assure that the advisory board has been consulted in
13 development of the application;

14 (d) Designate a lead agency or organization for the project, and
15 provide evidence of written interagency agreements with existing youth
16 service organizations to carry out project activities. The agency or
17 organization designated as lead agency shall have demonstrated
18 sensitivity and responsiveness to the plurality of community values and
19 the cultural and ethnic heritage of community members;

20 (e) Identify a project site that is accessible to teens during
21 evenings and weekends, from which services and activities can be
22 provided or referrals made;

23 (f) Describe the services and activities that will be undertaken by
24 the project, including identification of specific services and
25 activities for which funding is requested. Core services provided at
26 each project site shall include, at a minimum: Health screening and
27 referrals; employment search and job training; mental health
28 counseling; substance abuse treatment; and family counseling. Projects
29 may address other local service needs such as drop-out prevention,
30 substance abuse prevention, inpatient substance abuse treatment,

1 additional support services for teen parents, and recreational
2 activities, by offering those services at the project site or through
3 referrals to community organizations;

4 (g) Describe the coordinated system for meeting the needs of teens
5 that the community will develop, including a description of how the
6 proposed system will build upon existing services and existing
7 community efforts to coordinate the delivery of services to teens;

8 (h) Identify community matching funds, as provided in section 4 of
9 this act, that have been committed to the project; and

10 (i) Provide assurances that the project will cooperate, through the
11 provision of requested data and information, with the evaluation
12 provided for in section 6 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The secretary shall issue grants for
14 community mobilization projects for teens. Grants shall be made
15 competitively based upon information provided in applications for
16 funding. To the greatest extent practicable, grants shall be
17 geographically distributed throughout the state.

18 (2) The department shall provide a staff person to administer and
19 coordinate the program established under this chapter, and shall
20 provide technical assistance to communities applying for or receiving
21 funds under this chapter.

22 (3) Technical assistance provided by the department shall include
23 the identification of means to creatively blend categorical funds, to
24 the extent not prohibited by federal law, in a manner that allows
25 teens' needs to determine the services they will receive.

26 (4) Twenty-five percent of the funding for projects under this
27 chapter shall be community matching funds provided by private or public
28 entities in the communities requesting funding. Contributions of

1 materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be considered as all or
2 part of the funding provided by the communities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Community mobilization projects for
4 teens shall have an initial duration of two years. To the extent
5 funding is available, projects may be renewed for an additional two-
6 year period by the department.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department shall contract with an
8 independent entity to evaluate the effectiveness of the program
9 established in this chapter. The evaluation shall develop standards
10 for measuring the success of community mobilization projects,
11 considering factors such as school completion, employment, and teen
12 pregnancy rates. The department shall submit an evaluation report to
13 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1994, and
14 biennially thereafter.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The sum of dollars, or as
16 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund
17 to the department of social and health services, for the biennium
18 ending June 30, 1993, to carry out the purposes of this act. Grants to
19 individual pilot projects shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars per year.

21 (1) Of this amount, dollars is provided solely for a
22 contract with an independent entity to study and make recommendations
23 regarding mechanisms to blend categorical funding to better meet the
24 needs of teens. The study shall include an analysis of current
25 categorical programs, including the source of funding and statutory
26 authority for each such program, and recommended changes in state law

1 that would allow and encourage blending of funds to allow greater
2 flexibility in tailoring services to individual need.

3 (2) Of this amount, twenty thousand dollars is provided solely for
4 planning the evaluation provided for in section 6 of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
7 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
8 persons or circumstances is not affected.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any part of this act is found to be
10 in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition
11 to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part
12 of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and
13 with respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does
14 not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its
15 application to the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall
16 meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt
17 of federal funds by the state.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
19 constitute a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.