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1 AN ACT Relating to the schools and families act; adding a new  
2 chapter to Title 28A RCW; making appropriations; providing an effective  
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This chapter shall be known as and may  
6 be cited as the schools and families act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The purpose of this chapter is to create  
8 a new program to provide resources to public schools to provide family  
9 case management services in collaboration with other local public and  
10 private agencies that receive funding or administrative support from  
11 the state departments of social and health services, health, employment  
12 security, and community development, and from the superintendent of  
13 public instruction.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        The schools and families program is  
2 hereby created.    This program is intended to provide resources to  
3 school districts that will be used to provide family resource  
4 management services to children and their families and, in accordance  
5 with sections 5(1)(c) and section 7(2) of this act, to begin programs  
6 that redirect existing resources toward new purposes associated with  
7 fostering educationally supportive families.    Children and families to  
8 receive such services shall be selected in accordance with rules  
9 adopted by the superintendent of public instruction under section 9 of  
10 this act.    Any appropriations made by the legislature for this program  
11 shall be administered by the superintendent of public instruction in  
12 collaboration with the state coordinating council established in  
13 section 8 of this act.

14        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**        The services to be provided by school  
15 districts under this chapter shall be phased in over four school years  
16 beginning in the fall of 1991.    During the 1991-92 school year, school  
17 districts in three educational service districts shall be eligible for  
18 planning grants in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of this act.    The  
19 foregoing process shall be repeated in three additional education  
20 service districts during the 1992-93 school year and in the remaining  
21 education service districts during the 1993-94 school year.    School  
22 districts that have completed the planning process in accordance with  
23 this chapter shall, during the following fiscal year and for each year  
24 thereafter, be eligible to receive grants to provide family resource  
25 coordination services.    The superintendent of public instruction shall:

- 26        (1) By August 1, 1991, designate three education service districts  
27 that will be responsible for the coordination of planning grants to be  
28 issued for the 1991-92 school year;

1 (2) By August 1, 1992, designate three education service districts  
2 that will be responsible for the coordination of planning grants to be  
3 issued for the 1992-93 school year; and

4 (3) By August 1, 1993, designate three education service districts  
5 that will be responsible for the coordination of planning grants to be  
6 issued for the 1993-94 school year.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Planning grants issued pursuant to  
8 this chapter shall be used by school districts for the following  
9 purposes:

10 (a) Establishment of local collaboration councils to be responsible  
11 for approving district-wide family service coordination plans. These  
12 councils shall, at a minimum, include representation from public and  
13 private agencies that provide social, health, training, care,  
14 employment, and family support services within the district;

15 (b) Development of written plans for the use of family resource  
16 coordination funds that will be available in subsequent school years.  
17 Written plans shall include itemized budgets for providing family  
18 resource coordination services and a description of the locations and  
19 operating procedures for providing such family resource coordination  
20 services and training programs for associated personnel. All plans  
21 shall include specific and detailed procedures outlining how family  
22 resource coordinators will collaborate with other appropriate service  
23 providers in their communities to reduce the fragmentation of family-  
24 related services and to maximize the beneficial impact of services on  
25 the success of families;

26 (c) Development of plans for altering the use of already existing  
27 district resources to improve their impact on the success of families  
28 and to maximize collaboration with other family support resources  
29 available to the community from other public or private sources. Plans

1 shall include providing for the retraining of existing personnel to  
2 provide for the broadest possible awareness of family support  
3 activities and programs in their communities; and

4 (d) Other plans that are determined to be related to maximizing the  
5 success of families by the collaboration councils.

6 (2) Plans developed pursuant to this section shall be approved by  
7 the collaboration councils and transmitted to the appropriate education  
8 service district superintendent by May 1 of the year in which the grant  
9 was issued. Plans shall be reviewed by the education service district  
10 superintendent to provide recommendations and comments to the  
11 collaboration councils. Final plans shall be transmitted to the  
12 superintendent of public instruction by the collaboration councils by  
13 June 1.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Beginning July 1, 1992, and for every  
15 year thereafter, districts that have completed plans in accordance with  
16 section 5 of this act shall be eligible to receive funds appropriated  
17 to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of  
18 providing family resource coordination services. Funds received  
19 pursuant to this section shall be used to employ and train family  
20 service coordinators in accordance with the plans established under  
21 section 5 of this act and in consultation with the local collaboration  
22 councils. Family resource coordinators shall provide at least the  
23 following services:

24 (1) Identification of families in need of services;

25 (2) Communication with identified families in order to develop a  
26 diagnosis of family support needs and a plan for meeting those needs;

27 (3) Referral of families and family members to services as  
28 identified in the family support plan and assistance with attaining  
29 eligibility for services and follow-up contacts with families and with

1 service providers to assure that the family support plan is being  
2 implemented; and

3 (4) Written assessments of the success or failure of collaboration  
4 efforts in terms of improvements in the ability of eligible families to  
5 succeed.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A family support block grant is hereby  
7 created. Funds appropriated by the legislature for the implementation  
8 of this section shall be used for the following:

9 (1) During the biennium beginning July 1, 1991, funds may be used  
10 for one or more of the following purposes: Homeless children and youth  
11 services; early intervention and family support for homeless literacy;  
12 enhancement of programs established under chapter 28A.610 RCW; dropout  
13 intervention and prevention programs; the early intervention and  
14 prevention services program; at risk student programs; programs for  
15 highly capable students; school-aged child care programs; child abuse  
16 prevention programs; low-income student tutoring; programs for students  
17 who are at risk of prenatal drug exposure; and for family support  
18 services in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

19 (2) For the biennium beginning July 1, 1993, and thereafter, funds  
20 appropriated pursuant to this section shall be used exclusively to  
21 provide family support services in accordance with section 6 of this  
22 act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** In order to assist in the administration  
24 of this chapter a state coordinating committee is established  
25 consisting of the following public officials or their designees; the  
26 governor, the secretary of the department of social and health  
27 services, the secretary of the department of health, the commissioner

1 of the employment security department, the director of the department  
2 of community development, and the superintendent of public instruction.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The superintendent of public instruction  
4 shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter. Rules shall be  
5 developed in consultation with the state coordinating committee  
6 established in section 8 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall  
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 28A RCW.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The sum of seven million four  
10 hundred ninety-seven thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars, or as  
11 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
12 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the superintendent of  
13 public instruction for the purposes of sections 5 and 6 of this act.

14 (2) The sum of five million one hundred thousand dollars, or as  
15 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
16 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the superintendent of  
17 public instruction for the purposes of section 7 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If any provision of this act or its  
19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
21 persons or circumstances is not affected.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
25 effect July 1, 1991.