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1 AN ACT Relating to providing discretion to the department of health  
2 with respect to federal funding for the prevention of teen pregnancy  
3 under Title V of the federal social security act; and amending RCW  
4 74.12.410.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.410 and 1997 c 58 s 601 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) At the time of application or reassessment under this chapter,  
9 the department shall offer or contract for family planning information  
10 and assistance, including alternatives to abortion, and any other  
11 available locally based teen pregnancy prevention programs, to  
12 prospective and current recipients of ~~((aid to families with dependent  
13 children))~~ temporary assistance for needy families.

14 (2) The department shall work in cooperation with the  
15 superintendent of public instruction to reduce the teen pregnancy rate  
16 ~~((of illegitimate births and abortions))~~ in Washington state.

17 (3) The department of health ~~((shall))~~ may maximize federal funding  
18 by timely application for federal funds available under P.L. 104-193  
19 and Title V of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. 701 et seq.,

1 as amended, for the establishment of qualifying abstinence education  
2 and motivation programs. To the extent such funds are received, the  
3 department of health shall contract, by competitive bid, with entities  
4 qualified to provide abstinence education and motivation programs in  
5 the state.

6 (4) To the extent federal funding is received under subsection (3)  
7 of this section, the department of health shall seek and accept local  
8 matching funds to the maximum extent allowable from qualified  
9 abstinence education and motivation programs.

10 (5)(a) For purposes of this section, "qualifying abstinence  
11 education and motivation programs" are those bidders with experience in  
12 the conduct of the types of abstinence education and motivation  
13 programs set forth in Title V of the federal social security act, 42  
14 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq., as amended.

15 (b) The application for federal funds, contracting for abstinence  
16 education and motivation programs, and performance of contracts under  
17 this section are subject to review and oversight by a joint committee  
18 of the legislature, composed of four legislative members, appointed by  
19 each of the two caucuses in each house.

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