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By House Children, Youth & Families (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Dent, Leavitt, Wicks, Slatter, Wylie, Simmons, Kloba, Ortiz-Self, Gregerson, Callan, Young, Morgan, Frame, Santos, Rule, and Davis)

1 AN ACT Relating to youth eligible for developmental disability
2 services who are expected to exit the child welfare system; amending
3 RCW 74.13.341; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding a
4 new section to chapter 71A.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends that this act help
7 reduce the number of former foster youth with developmental
8 disabilities discharged into homelessness or inappropriately placed
9 in hospitals. The legislature further intends that the steps taken
10 under this act maximize the use of the most cost-effective services
11 for former foster youth with developmental disabilities.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall collaborate with the developmental
15 disabilities administration of the department of social and health
16 services to determine the number of enrolled clients of the
17 developmental disabilities administration of the department of social
18 and health services ages 16 through 21 years old who are functionally
19 eligible for medicaid waiver services, who are also defined as
20 dependent children under chapter 13.34 RCW, and who may exit

1 dependency proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW after reaching the
2 maximum age for dependent children.

3 (2) By November 15th, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
4 department shall submit an annual report to the appropriate
5 committees of the legislature that provides the number of children
6 and youth identified under subsection (1) of this section and other
7 relevant information related to best serving these youth.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.13.341 and 2018 c 58 s 49 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) With respect to ((youth who will be aging out of foster
11 care)) children who are subject to an open dependency proceeding
12 under chapter 13.34 RCW and may exit dependency proceedings under
13 chapter 13.34 RCW after reaching the maximum age for dependent
14 children, the department shall invite representatives from the entity
15 providing managed health and behavioral health care for foster youth
16 required under RCW 74.09.860, and the department of social and health
17 services ((division of)) behavioral health ((and recovery))
18 administration, the ((disability services)) developmental
19 disabilities administration, the division of vocational
20 rehabilitation, and the economic services administration((, and the
21 juvenile justice and rehabilitation administration)) to the youth's
22 shared planning meeting that occurs between the age ((seventeen)) of
23 17 and ((seventeen and one-half)) 17.5 that is used to develop a
24 transition plan. It is the responsibility of the department to
25 include these agencies in the shared planning meeting.

26 (2) For youth who are subject to an open dependency proceeding
27 under chapter 13.34 RCW and the department caseworker believes may be
28 eligible for services administered by the developmental disabilities
29 administration, the department shall convene a shared planning
30 meeting that includes representatives from the developmental
31 disabilities administration and the division of vocational
32 rehabilitation when the youth is between the ages of 16 and 16.5.
33 This meeting must be used to begin planning services for the youth in
34 advance of the youth's transition to adulthood. The shared planning
35 meeting required under this subsection may include:

36 (a) Assessing functional eligibility for developmental disability
37 waiver services;

38 (b) Understanding the services that the youth wants or needs upon
39 the youth's exit from a dependency under chapter 13.34 RCW;

1 (c) Advanced planning for residential services provided by the
2 developmental disabilities administration of the department of social
3 and health services;

4 (d) Advanced planning for housing options available from entities
5 other than the developmental disabilities administration of the
6 department of social and health services the youth wants or needs
7 upon the youth's exit from a dependency under chapter 13.34 RCW; and

8 (e) Development of an action plan so that the services the youth
9 wants or needs will be provided following the youth's exit from
10 dependency proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW.

11 (3) If ((foster youth)) children who are subject to an open
12 dependency proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW and who are the subject
13 of ((this)) either shared planning meeting described under this
14 section may qualify for services provided by the developmental
15 ((disability services)) disabilities administration pursuant to Title
16 71A RCW, the department shall direct these youth to apply for these
17 services and provide assistance in the application process.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 71A.12
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 When there is funded capacity for services provided through a
21 medicaid waiver administered by the department, priority for that
22 waiver shall be provided to eligible individuals who exited a
23 dependency proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW within the last two
24 years.

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