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By Representatives Phillips, Brumsickle, Dorn, Pruitt, Paris, Jones, Ebersole, Winsley, Brekke and Rasmussen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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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.