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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Brown, Patterson, Thibaudeau, Tokuda, Wolfe, Chopp, Mason, Dickerson, Cole, Kessler, Ogden, Romero, Jacobsen, G. Fisher, Hatfield, Costa, Scott, Conway, Cody and Poulsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care for school-age children; adding new
2 sections to chapter 74.13 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that there has been a dramatic increase
7 in participation of women in the work force that has made the
8 availability of quality, affordable child care a critical concern for
9 the state and its citizens. An unacceptably high number of children
10 ages five to fourteen have no adult supervision when school is not in
11 session and their parents are at work. These "latchkey" children are
12 at increased risk of lower academic achievement, emotional and social
13 adjustment problems, and substance abuse. Children age eleven to
14 fourteen are particularly at risk for making destructive choices about
15 alcohol and drugs, tobacco, sexual activity, gang involvement, and
16 their overall role in society. The lack of affordable before-and-
17 after-school child care programs also represents a lost opportunity for
18 school-aged children to gain academically, develop social skills, and
19 increase their self-reliance.

1 (2) It is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage and
2 support efforts by local communities to develop affordable, quality
3 before-and-after-school child care programs by:

4 (a) Raising awareness of the benefits children and their parents
5 can realize through participation in before-and-after-school child care
6 programs;

7 (b) Providing technical assistance to local communities in their
8 efforts to develop before-and-after-school child care programs through
9 state agencies and child care resource and referral programs; and

10 (c) Providing financial support, to the extent of available federal
11 and state funds, for before-and-after-school child care through
12 subsidies for low-income families and direct assistance for start-up
13 and expansion of before-and-after-school child care programs to reduce
14 inequities among populations or communities.

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

17 The child care coordinating committee, established pursuant to RCW
18 74.13.090, shall administer grant funds for before-and-after-school
19 child care programs for school-aged children. A school district or
20 community-based organization may receive a grant under this section
21 only if the district or organization has adopted a fee schedule based
22 on the projected costs of services and has submitted to the child care
23 coordinating committee an operating plan demonstrating that, after its
24 initial twenty-four months of operation, the program is expected to be
25 fully supported through fees, other local revenues and child care
26 subsidy payments made by the department of social and health services
27 or other agencies on behalf of the children of low-income families
28 using the program. The grants may be used for establishing new
29 programs or for expanding existing programs, but may not be used for
30 costs incurred more than twenty-four months after the establishment of
31 a before-and-after-school program at a particular site. No grant may
32 support more than seventy-five percent of a district's or
33 organization's program costs during the initial twenty-four months.
34 The grants may be used for community needs assessments, planning and
35 design of programs, equipment and supplies, capital improvements
36 including portables, and initial operating expenses, for the first six
37 months of operation. School districts or community-based organizations
38 shall be selected to receive grants based on documented demand for

1 expansion of child care services, and, in particular, demand from low-
2 income families.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If funding for this act is not provided in
4 the 1995-97 biennial operating budget referencing this act, this act
5 shall be null and void.

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