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1 AN ACT Relating to state government reorganization; amending RCW  
2 43.17.020 and 72.09.040; reenacting and amending RCW 43.17.010; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 41.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
4 72.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; adding a new  
5 section to chapter 43.20A RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW;  
6 creating new sections; providing an effective date; providing an  
7 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the provision of  
10 services to protect and serve children and families in need is of  
11 utmost importance. Further, the legislature finds that it is in the  
12 best interests of this state to meet the needs of juvenile offenders by  
13 providing a system of accountability, punishment, and treatment. The  
14 legislature finds that the current provider of these services, the  
15 department of social and health services, is overwhelmed by a large and  
16 varied number of responsibilities. By creating a separate children and  
17 family services agency, the legislature intends to demonstrate its  
18 commitment to children and families, and to ensure coordination of  
19 services, efficiency, and accountability.

1 By setting up a process to allocate the functions relating to  
2 youthful offenders between the department of corrections and the new  
3 children and family services agency, the legislature intends to  
4 determine the agency best able to address the needs of juvenile  
5 offenders and society.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
7 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
8 chapter.

9 (1) "Department" means the department of children and family  
10 services.

11 (2) "Director" means the director of children and family services.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of children and family  
13 services is created. The department shall be vested with all powers  
14 and duties transferred to it under this chapter and such other powers  
15 and duties as may be authorized by law.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1)(a) All powers, duties, and functions of  
17 the department of social and health services pertaining to children  
18 and family services are transferred to the department of children and  
19 family services. This includes all functions performed by the  
20 children's administration except those child protective services  
21 functions transferred in section 15 of this act, the division of child  
22 support in the economic services administration, and all of the  
23 functions of the divisions of mental health, developmental  
24 disabilities, and alcohol and substance abuse of the health and  
25 rehabilitative services administration that pertain to children, as  
26 they existed on November 1, 1996. All references to the secretary or  
27 the department of social and health services in the Revised Code of  
28 Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the department of  
29 children and family services when referring to the functions  
30 transferred in this section.

31 (b) All powers, duties, and functions of the department of  
32 community, trade, and economic development pertaining to early  
33 childhood education assistance programs, head start programs, and youth  
34 violence contracts are transferred to the department of children and  
35 family services. All references to the director or the department of  
36 community, trade, and economic development in the Revised Code of

1 Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the department of  
2 children and family services when referring to the functions  
3 transferred in this section.

4 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,  
5 papers, or written material in the possession of the department of  
6 social and health services or the department of community, trade, and  
7 economic development pertaining to the powers, functions, and duties  
8 transferred shall be delivered to the custody of the department of  
9 children and family services. All cabinets, furniture, office  
10 equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the  
11 department of social and health services or the department of  
12 community, trade, and economic development in carrying out the powers,  
13 functions, and duties transferred shall be made available to the  
14 department of children and family services. All funds, credits, or  
15 other assets held in connection with the powers, functions, and duties  
16 transferred shall be assigned to the department of children and family  
17 services.

18 (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health  
19 services or the department of community, trade, and economic  
20 development for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties  
21 transferred shall, on the effective date of this section, be  
22 transferred and credited to the department of children and family  
23 services.

24 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any funds,  
25 books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible  
26 property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance  
27 of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial  
28 management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and  
29 certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

30 (3) All employees of the department of social and health services  
31 and the department of community, trade, and economic development  
32 engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties transferred are  
33 transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of children and  
34 family services. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the  
35 state civil service law, are assigned to the department of children and  
36 family services to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as  
37 formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be  
38 appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing  
39 state civil service.

1 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of  
2 social and health services or the department of community, trade, and  
3 economic development pertaining to the powers, functions, and duties  
4 transferred shall be continued and acted upon by the department of  
5 children and family services. All existing contracts and obligations  
6 shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the department of  
7 children and family services.

8 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, and functions of the  
9 department of social and health services and the department of  
10 community, trade, and economic development shall not affect the  
11 validity of any act performed before the effective date of this  
12 section.

13 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the  
14 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial  
15 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,  
16 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make  
17 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation  
18 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

19 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any  
20 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing  
21 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or  
22 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the personnel  
23 board as provided by law.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The executive head and appointing authority  
25 of the department shall be the director. The director shall be  
26 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall  
27 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a  
28 salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.  
29 If a vacancy occurs in the position while the senate is not in session,  
30 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting  
31 of the senate.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The director may create such  
33 administrative structures as the director considers appropriate, except  
34 as otherwise specified by law. In creating administrative structures,  
35 the director shall endeavor to promote efficient public management, to  
36 improve programs, and to take full advantage of the economies, both

1 fiscal and administrative, to be gained from the consolidation of  
2 functions.

3 (2) The director may appoint assistant directors as may be needed  
4 to administer the department. The director may employ such personnel  
5 as may be necessary for the administration of the department. This  
6 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,  
7 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

8 (3) Any power or duty vested in or transferred to the director by  
9 law or executive order may be delegated by the director to any officer  
10 or employee; but the director shall be responsible for the official  
11 acts of the officers and employees of the department.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The director may appoint such advisory  
13 committees or councils as required by any federal legislation as a  
14 condition to the receipt of federal funds by the department. The  
15 director may also appoint state-wide committees or councils on such  
16 subject matters as are or come within the department's  
17 responsibilities. The state-wide committees and councils shall have  
18 representation from both major political parties and shall have  
19 substantial consumer representation. The committees or councils shall  
20 be constituted as required by federal law or as the director may  
21 determine. The members of the committees or councils shall hold office  
22 as follows: One-third to serve one year; one-third to serve two years;  
23 and one-third to serve three years. Upon expiration of the original  
24 terms, subsequent appointments shall be for three years except in the  
25 case of a vacancy, in which event appointment shall be only for the  
26 remainder of the unexpired term for which the vacancy occurs. No  
27 member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

28 Members of state advisory committees or councils created under this  
29 section may be paid their travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
30 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** In furtherance of the policy of the state to  
32 cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under the  
33 jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary to  
34 entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted,  
35 unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization  
36 carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal  
37 requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal

1 funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department  
2 that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be  
3 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with  
4 federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the  
5 various programs of the department. If any law dealing with the  
6 department is ruled to be in conflict with federal requirements that  
7 are a prescribed condition of the allocation of federal funds to the  
8 state, or to any departments or agencies thereof, the conflicting part  
9 is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions  
13 of this chapter shall not apply in the department of children and  
14 family services to the director, the director's personal secretary, all  
15 assistant directors, and one confidential secretary for each assistant  
16 director.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 (1)(a) All powers, duties, and functions of the department of  
20 social and health services pertaining to juvenile rehabilitation and  
21 the juvenile justice system are transferred to the department of  
22 corrections and to the department of children and family services in  
23 accordance with the provisions of chapter . . . , Laws of 1997 (this  
24 act).

25 (b) All references to the secretary or the department of social and  
26 health services in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to  
27 mean the secretary or the department of corrections or the director or  
28 the department of children and family services when referring to the  
29 functions transferred in this section.

30 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,  
31 papers, or written material in the possession of the department of  
32 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
33 duties transferred shall be delivered to the custody of the department  
34 of corrections or the department of children and family services, as  
35 determined by the office of financial management. All cabinets,  
36 furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible  
37 property employed by the department of social and health services in

1 carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be  
2 made available to either the department of corrections or the  
3 department of children and family services, as determined by the office  
4 of financial management. All funds, credits, or other assets held in  
5 connection with the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be  
6 assigned to the department of corrections or the department of children  
7 and family services, as determined by the office of financial  
8 management.

9 (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health  
10 services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred  
11 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and  
12 credited between the department of corrections and the department of  
13 children and family services, as determined by the office of financial  
14 management.

15 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any funds,  
16 books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible  
17 property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance  
18 of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial  
19 management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and  
20 certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

21 (3) All employees of the department of social and health services  
22 engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties transferred are  
23 transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of corrections or the  
24 department of children and family services. All employees classified  
25 under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to  
26 the department of corrections or the department of children and family  
27 services to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly,  
28 without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be  
29 appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing  
30 state civil service.

31 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of  
32 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
33 duties transferred shall be continued and acted upon by either the  
34 department of corrections or the department of children and family  
35 services, as determined by the office of financial management. All  
36 existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall  
37 be performed by the department of corrections or the department of  
38 children and family services, as determined by the office of financial  
39 management.

1 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, and functions of the  
2 department of social and health services shall not affect the validity  
3 of any act performed before the effective date of this section.

4 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the  
5 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial  
6 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,  
7 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make  
8 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation  
9 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

10 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any  
11 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing  
12 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or  
13 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the personnel  
14 board as provided by law.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) All powers, duties, and functions of the department of social  
18 and health services pertaining to the office of special investigations  
19 are transferred in accordance with chapter . . . , Laws of 1997 (this  
20 act). Program fraud investigations and internal investigations are  
21 transferred to the Washington state patrol. However, local law  
22 enforcement agencies shall have the option of contracting for these  
23 program fraud responsibilities. Such agreements may be based on the  
24 interlocal cooperation act, chapter 39.34 RCW, or other statutory  
25 authority of single or joint law enforcement agencies. All references  
26 to the secretary or the department of social and health services in the  
27 Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the chief of the  
28 Washington state patrol when referring to the functions transferred in  
29 this subsection.

30 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,  
31 papers, or written material in the possession of the department of  
32 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
33 duties transferred shall be delivered to the custody of the Washington  
34 state patrol. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor  
35 vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the department of  
36 social and health services in carrying out the powers, functions, and  
37 duties transferred shall be made available to the Washington state  
38 patrol. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with



1 the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be assigned to the  
2 Washington state patrol.

3 (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health  
4 services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred  
5 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and  
6 credited to the Washington state patrol.

7 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any funds,  
8 books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible  
9 property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance  
10 of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial  
11 management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and  
12 certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

13 (3) All employees of the department of social and health services  
14 engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties transferred are  
15 transferred to the jurisdiction of the Washington state patrol. All  
16 employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service  
17 law, are assigned to the Washington state patrol to perform their usual  
18 duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights,  
19 subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance  
20 with the laws and rules governing state civil service.

21 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of  
22 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
23 duties transferred shall be continued and acted upon by the Washington  
24 state patrol. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in  
25 full force and shall be performed by the Washington state patrol.

26 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, and functions of the  
27 department of social and health services identified in subsection (1)  
28 of this section shall not affect the validity of any act performed  
29 before the effective date of this section.

30 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the  
31 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial  
32 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,  
33 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make  
34 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation  
35 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

36 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any  
37 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing  
38 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or

1 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the personnel  
2 board as provided by law.

3 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.17.010 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 16, 1993 c 472 s 17,  
4 and 1993 c 280 s 18 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 There shall be departments of the state government which shall be  
6 known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the  
7 department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4)  
8 the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fish and wildlife,  
9 (6) the department of transportation, (7) the department of licensing,  
10 (8) the department of general administration, (9) the department of  
11 community, trade, and economic development, (10) the department of  
12 veterans affairs, (11) the department of revenue, (12) the department  
13 of retirement systems, (13) the department of corrections, ((and)) (14)  
14 the department of health, ((and)) (15) the department of financial  
15 institutions, and (16) the department of children and family services  
16 which shall be charged with the execution, enforcement, and  
17 administration of such laws, and invested with such powers and required  
18 to perform such duties, as the legislature may provide.

19 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be  
22 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the  
23 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the  
24 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the  
25 secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the  
26 director of general administration, (9) the director of community,  
27 trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs,  
28 (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems,  
29 (13) the secretary of corrections, ((and)) (14) the secretary of  
30 health, ((and)) (15) the director of financial institutions, and (16)  
31 the director of children and family services.

32 Such officers, except the secretary of transportation and the  
33 director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with  
34 the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the  
35 governor. The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the  
36 transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041. The director

1 of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife  
2 commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

3 **Sec. 14.** RCW 72.09.040 and 1981 c 136 s 4 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 All powers, duties, and functions assigned to the secretary of  
6 social and health services and to the department of social and health  
7 services relating to adult correctional programs and institutions are  
8 hereby transferred to the secretary of corrections and to the  
9 department of corrections. ~~((Except as may be specifically provided,  
10 all functions of the department of social and health services relating  
11 to juvenile rehabilitation and the juvenile justice system shall remain  
12 in the department of social and health services. Where functions of  
13 the department of social and health services and the department of  
14 corrections overlap in the juvenile rehabilitation and/or juvenile  
15 justice area, the governor may allocate such functions between these  
16 departments.~~

17 ~~The secretaries of the department of social and health services and  
18 the department of corrections shall submit to the 1983 session of the  
19 Washington state legislature a joint report which addresses the  
20 question of in which agency juvenile rehabilitation and state level  
21 juvenile justice programs should be located.))~~

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) All powers, duties, and functions of the department of social  
25 and health services pertaining to child protective services are  
26 transferred to the department of children and family services and  
27 county sheriffs in accordance with chapter . . . , Laws of 1997 (this  
28 act). All references to the secretary or the department of social and  
29 health services in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to  
30 mean the director or the department of children and family services and  
31 county sheriffs when referring to the functions transferred in this  
32 section.

33 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,  
34 papers, or written material in the possession of the department of  
35 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
36 duties transferred shall be delivered to the custody of the department  
37 of children and family services. All cabinets, furniture, office

1 equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the  
2 department of social and health services in carrying out the powers,  
3 functions, and duties transferred shall be made available to the  
4 department of children and family services. All funds, credits, or  
5 other assets held in connection with the powers, functions, and duties  
6 transferred shall be assigned to the department of children and family  
7 services.

8 (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health  
9 services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred  
10 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and  
11 credited to the department of children and family services.

12 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any  
13 personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment,  
14 or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers  
15 and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the  
16 director of financial management shall make a determination as to the  
17 proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

18 (3) All employees of the department of social and health services  
19 engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties transferred are  
20 transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of children and  
21 family services. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the  
22 state civil service law, are assigned to the department of children and  
23 family services to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as  
24 formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be  
25 appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing  
26 state civil service.

27 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of  
28 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
29 duties transferred shall be continued and acted upon by the department  
30 of children and family services and county sheriffs. All existing  
31 contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be  
32 performed by the department of children and family services and county  
33 sheriffs.

34 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of  
35 the department of social and health services shall not affect the  
36 validity of any act performed before the effective date of this  
37 section.

38 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the  
39 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial

1 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,  
2 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make  
3 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation  
4 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

5 (7) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any  
6 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing  
7 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or  
8 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the personnel  
9 board as provided by law.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** (1) The director of financial management,  
11 the secretary of corrections, the chief of the Washington state patrol,  
12 and the director of the department of community, trade, and economic  
13 development shall jointly develop a reorganization implementation plan  
14 to implement chapter . . . , Laws of 1997 (this act).

15 (2) The plan shall detail the implementation steps to effectuate  
16 the transfer of:

17 (a) Children and family services to the new children and family  
18 services agency;

19 (b) Juvenile rehabilitation administration to the department of  
20 corrections and the new children and family services agency;

21 (c) Child protective services to the county sheriffs and the new  
22 children and family services agency; and

23 (d) Program fraud and internal investigations to the Washington  
24 state patrol, with a local option.

25 (3) The plan shall include allocation functions of the juvenile  
26 rehabilitation administration to the new department of children and  
27 family services and the department of corrections. The legislature  
28 intends that:

29 (a) The plan take into account recommendations from interested  
30 individuals, as well as state and local agencies; and

31 (b) The plan incorporate the functions of treatment and sentencing  
32 provisions of law as of July 1, 1998, over juvenile offenders  
33 including, but not limited to juvenile rehabilitation and the juvenile  
34 justice system, including functions performed by the juvenile  
35 rehabilitation administration as it exists June 30, 1998. Any juvenile  
36 offenders transferred as a result of chapter . . . , Laws of 1997 (this  
37 act) shall be housed separately from adult offenders.

1 (4) The legislature intends that because child abuse or neglect  
2 investigations frequently reveal criminal activity, the authority to  
3 conduct such investigations should be transferred to the county  
4 sheriffs in larger counties. The legislature further finds that the  
5 authority to conduct investigations to determine whether there is  
6 evidence that would support a judicial determination that a child is a  
7 dependent child should be vested in the county sheriff in the larger  
8 counties.

9 (5) In developing the recommendations required under this section,  
10 the directors, secretaries, and commissioner shall consult with the  
11 directors of the departments of general administration and personnel to  
12 ensure that no duplication of functions will occur between the  
13 departments of general administration, personnel, corrections, and  
14 labor and industries, and the employment security department.

15 (6) The completed reorganization implementation plan shall be  
16 submitted to the governor and the appropriate standing committees of  
17 the legislature by November 15, 1997.

18 (7) The plan shall include details addressing the following areas  
19 of legislative, public, and departmental concerns:

20 (a) Assessment and increased accountability measures over all  
21 transferred functions;

22 (b) Quantifiable outcomes for all transferred functions;

23 (c) Equitable cost-effective coordinated service delivery and  
24 continuity of care enhancements, including coordination with all  
25 relevant service delivery components at the state, local, and private  
26 level for the family and individuals in need;

27 (d) Staffing support and caseload management enhancements;

28 (e) Retention of the collocation of facilities wherever  
29 economically possible until at least the year 2005, including  
30 procedures for client referrals to new departments;

31 (f) Federal requirements, including but not limited to federal  
32 reforms and the ability to continue participating to the maximum extent  
33 possible in the receipt of federal funds and grants;

34 (g) Promotion of public and private partnerships; and

35 (h) Retention of centralized core administrative services such as  
36 payment, financial, and information systems, until at least the year  
37 2005.

38 (8) By December 15, 1997, the director of financial management, the  
39 secretary of the department of social and health services, the

1 secretary of the department of corrections, the director of the  
2 department of community, trade, and economic development, and the chief  
3 of the Washington state patrol shall jointly submit to the governor and  
4 the appropriate standing committees of the legislature any proposed  
5 legislation necessary to implement the reorganization implementation  
6 plan.

7 (9) This section expires June 30, 1998.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** Sections 2 through 8 of this act constitute  
9 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Sections 1 through 15 of this act take  
11 effect July 1, 1998.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** Section 16 of this act is necessary for the  
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
14 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
15 and takes effect immediately.

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