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1 AN ACT Relating to child care; amending RCW 74.13.0903 and
2 74.25.040; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.0903 and 1993 c 453 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The office of child care policy is established to operate under the
8 authority of the department of social and health services. The duties
9 and responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited to, the
10 following, within appropriated funds:

11 (1) Staff and assist the child care coordinating committee in the
12 implementation of its duties under RCW 74.13.090;

13 (2) Work in conjunction with the state-wide child care resource and
14 referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit organizations,
15 businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child
16 care resource and referral organizations. These organizations may
17 carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training,
18 technical assistance, and parent information and training;

1 (3) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as
2 grants to the state-wide child care resource and referral network and
3 to existing or potential local child care resource and referral
4 organizations;

5 (4) Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of
6 grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The
7 rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for
8 achieving the following objectives:

9 (a) Provide parents with information about child care resources,
10 including location of services and subsidies;

11 (b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training
12 programs, including training under RCW 74.25.040;

13 (c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars,
14 toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;

15 (d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply
16 and demand;

17 (e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources
18 devoted to child care; ~~((and))~~

19 (f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee
20 child care services; and

21 (g) Serve recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and
22 working parents with incomes at or below household incomes of one
23 hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty line;

24 (5) Provide staff support and technical assistance to the state-
25 wide child care resource and referral network and local child care
26 resource and referral organizations;

27 (6) Maintain a state-wide child care licensing data bank and work
28 with department of social and health services licensors to provide
29 information to local child care resource and referral organizations
30 about licensed child care providers in the state;

31 (7) Through the state-wide child care resource and referral network
32 and local resource and referral organizations, compile data about local
33 child care needs and availability for future planning and development;

34 (8) Coordinate with the state-wide child care resource and referral
35 network and local child care resource and referral organizations for
36 the provision of training and technical assistance to child care
37 providers; and

38 (9) Collect and assemble information regarding the availability of
39 insurance and of federal and other child care funding to assist state

1 and local agencies, businesses, and other child care providers in
2 offering child care services.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.25.040 and 1994 c 299 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Recipients of ((aid to families with dependent children))
6 temporary assistance for needy families who are not participating in an
7 education or work training program may volunteer to work in a licensed
8 child care facility, or other willing volunteer work site. Licensed
9 child care facilities participating in this effort shall provide care
10 for the recipient's children and provide for the development of
11 positive child care skills.

12 (2) The department shall train two hundred fifty recipients of
13 temporary assistance for needy families to become family child care
14 providers or child care center teachers. The department shall offer
15 the training in rural and urban communities. The department shall
16 adopt rules to implement the child care training program in this
17 section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 July 1, 1997.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
23 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
24 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
25 void.

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