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SENATE BILL 6001

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By Senators Long, Hargrove, Kohl and Winsley

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to community-based alternative response systems;
- 2 adding a new section to chapter 26.44 RCW; creating a new section;
- 3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 The department shall create a community-based alternative response
- 8 system for families referred to child protective services whose risk
- 9 tag is three or below. The system shall assess family needs and
- 10 strengths, and arrange services for eligible families. Services
- 11 provided through the system shall be contracted for with
- 12 community-based organizations.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
- 14 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
- 15 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
- 16 void.

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- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
- 4 July 1, 1997.

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