

2 HB 2807 - S AMD - 276

3 By Senators Hargrove, Long and Costa

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.14A.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 102 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 State efforts shall address the needs of children and their  
10 families, including emotionally disturbed and mentally ill children,  
11 potentially dependent children, and families-in-conflict by:

12 (1) Serving children and families as a unit in the least  
13 restrictive setting available and in close proximity to the family  
14 home, consistent with the best interests and special needs of the  
15 child;

16 (2) Ensuring that appropriate social and health services are  
17 provided to the family unit both prior to and during the removal of a  
18 child from the home and after family reunification;

19 (3) Ensuring that the safety and best interests of the child are  
20 the paramount considerations when making placement and service delivery  
21 decisions;

22 (4) Recognizing the interdependent and changing nature of families  
23 and communities, building upon their inherent strengths, maintaining  
24 their dignity and respect, and tailoring programs to their specific  
25 circumstances;

26 (5) Developing and implementing comprehensive, preventive, and  
27 early intervention social and health services which have demonstrated  
28 the ability to delay or reduce the need for out-of-home placements and  
29 ameliorate problems before they become chronic or severe;

30 (6) Authorizing and facilitating blended funding for children who  
31 require services and residential treatment from multiple services  
32 systems; including child welfare services, mental health, alcohol and  
33 drug, and juvenile rehabilitation;

34 (7) Being sensitive to the family and community culture, norms,  
35 values, and expectations, ensuring that all services are provided in a  
36 culturally appropriate and relevant manner, and ensuring participation

1 of racial and ethnic minorities at all levels of planning, delivery,  
2 and evaluation efforts;

3 ~~((+7+))~~ (8)(a) Developing coordinated social and health services  
4 which:

5 (i) Identify problems experienced by children and their families  
6 early and provide services which are adequate in availability,  
7 appropriate to the situation, and effective;

8 (ii) Seek to bring about meaningful change before family situations  
9 become irreversibly destructive and before disturbed psychological  
10 behavioral patterns and health problems become severe or permanent;

11 (iii) Serve children and families in their own homes thus  
12 preventing unnecessary out-of-home placement or institutionalization;

13 (iv) Focus resources on social and health problems as they begin to  
14 manifest themselves rather than waiting for chronic and severe patterns  
15 of illness, criminality, and dependency to develop which require long-  
16 term treatment, maintenance, or custody;

17 (v) Reduce duplication of and gaps in service delivery;

18 (vi) Improve planning, budgeting, and communication among all units  
19 of the department and among all agencies that serve children and  
20 families; and

21 (vii) Utilize outcome standards for measuring the effectiveness of  
22 social and health services for children and families.

23 (b) In developing services under this subsection, local communities  
24 must be involved in planning and developing community networks that are  
25 tailored to their unique needs.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 74.14A RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 The secretary of the department of social and health services shall  
29 charge appropriated funds to support blended funding projects for youth  
30 subject to any current or future waiver the department receives to the  
31 requirements of IV-E funding. To be eligible for blended funding a  
32 child must be eligible for services designed to address a behavioral,  
33 mental, emotional, or substance abuse issue from the department of  
34 social and health services and require services from more than one  
35 categorical service delivery system. Before any blended funding  
36 project is established by the secretary, any entity or person proposing  
37 the project shall seek input from the public health and safety network  
38 or networks established in the catchment area of the project. The

1 network or networks shall submit recommendations on the blended funding  
2 project to the family policy council. The family policy council shall  
3 advise the secretary whether to approve the proposed blended funding  
4 project. The network shall review the proposed blended funding project  
5 pursuant to its authority to examine the decategorization of program  
6 funds under RCW 70.190.110, within the current appropriation level.  
7 The department shall document the number of children who participate in  
8 blended funding projects, the total blended funding amounts per child,  
9 the amount charged to each appropriation by program, and services  
10 provided to each child through each blended funding project and report  
11 this information to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
12 December 1st of each year, beginning in December 1, 2000.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its  
14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
16 persons or circumstances is not affected.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "youth;" strike the remainder  
22 of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.14A.020; adding a new section  
23 to chapter 74.14A RCW; and providing an effective date."

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