

2 **ESHB 2574** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

4 ADOPTED 03/06/02

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The secretary shall establish
8 demonstration sites for statewide implementation of a children's system
9 of care. The demonstration sites shall be selected using the following
10 criteria:

11 (a) The system administrator must be the recipient of funding by
12 the federal center for mental health services for the purpose of
13 developing a system of care for children with emotional and behavioral
14 disorders;

15 (b) The system administrator must have established a process for
16 ongoing input and coordination from the public health and safety
17 network or networks established in the catchment area of the project;
18 and

19 (c) The system administrator may be a project site under a Title
20 IV-E waiver.

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, "children's system of care"
22 means a centralized community care coordination system representing a
23 philosophy about the way services should be delivered to children and
24 their families, using existing resources of various child-serving
25 agencies addressing the problems of children with emotional and
26 behavioral disorders. The agencies represented may include providers
27 of mental health services, drug and alcohol services, services for the
28 developmentally disabled, county juvenile justice and state juvenile
29 rehabilitation, child welfare, and special education.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The goals of the children's system of care
31 are to:

32 (1) Maintain a multiagency collaborative planning and system
33 management mechanism at the state and local levels through the
34 establishment of an oversight committee at the local level in

1 accordance with the principles and program requirements associated with
2 the federal center for children's mental health services;

3 (2) Recommend and make necessary financing changes to support
4 individualized and flexible home and community-based services and
5 supports that are child centered, family driven, strength based, and
6 culturally competent;

7 (3) Support a common screening tool and integrated care
8 coordination system;

9 (4) Recommend and make necessary changes in contracting to support
10 integrated service delivery;

11 (5) Promote and increase the expansion of system capacity for
12 children and their families in each demonstration site community;

13 (6) Develop the capacity of family members to provide support for
14 one another and to strengthen the family voice in system implementation
15 through the utilization of a citizens' advisory board as described in
16 section 4 of this act and through other outreach activities;

17 (7) Conduct research and draw on outside consultation to identify
18 best practices to inform system development and refinement; and

19 (8) Demonstrate cost-effectiveness by creating system efficiencies
20 that generate savings from the current level of expenditures for
21 children being served by the participating agencies. These savings
22 must be used to provide more services to the children involved in the
23 project, or to serve more children.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall assure collaboration
25 with each demonstration site by child-serving entities operated
26 directly by the department or by departmental contractors. A
27 collaboration contract or memorandum of understanding shall be
28 developed by the demonstration site and the secretary for that purpose.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A citizens' advisory board and the
30 agencies participating in each demonstration site for a children's
31 system of care established under section 1 of this act shall establish
32 evaluation criteria consistent with the goals set forth in section 2 of
33 this act. The evaluation criteria shall be developed no later than
34 sixty days after the effective date of this act.

35 (2) The evaluation shall be conducted by an entity with experience
36 in evaluating organizations that are:

1 (a) Recipients of funding by the federal center for mental health
2 services for the purpose of developing a system of care for children
3 with emotional and behavioral disorders; and

4 (b) A project site under a Title IV-E waiver.

5 Each demonstration site in existence as of July 1, 2002, shall
6 submit a report to the children and family services committee of the
7 house of representatives and to the human services and corrections
8 committee of the senate, or their successors. An interim report shall
9 be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2002. A final report
10 shall be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2003.

11 (3) This section expires January 1, 2004.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Funding for children's system of care
13 projects following the expiration of the federal grant shall be
14 determined using the process established in RCW 74.14A.060 and funded
15 children's system of care projects shall be included in the annual
16 report required by that section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 It is the expectation of the legislature that local school
20 districts shall collaborate with each children's system of care
21 demonstration site established under section 1 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
23 a new chapter in Title 74 RCW."

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27 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "care;" strike the remainder
28 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;
29 adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW; and providing an expiration
30 date."

EFFECT: Requires that the demonstration sites coordinate with the
networks and requires that postpilot funding for blended funding

projects be determined using the current statutory process for blended funding projects.

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