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By Representative Boldt

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1 AN ACT Relating to a blended funding demonstration project to  
2 provide services to disturbed youth; adding a new chapter to Title 74  
3 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that new  
6 approaches are needed to serve youth with either serious emotional  
7 disturbances or serious behavioral disturbances or both.

8 (2) The legislature finds that an organization with a long history  
9 of serving youth has secured private foundation funding that can be  
10 combined with existing state appropriated funding to establish a  
11 blended funding demonstration project to test a new partnership  
12 approach for serving youth with either serious emotional disturbances  
13 or serious behavioral disturbances or both.

14 (3) The legislature declares its support for the creative  
15 application of statutory authority by the department to implement this  
16 blended funding demonstration project.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The secretary and the superintendent of  
18 public instruction shall enter into a joint agreement with an

1 organization with a long history of serving youth that has secured  
2 private foundation funding to be combined with existing state  
3 appropriated funding to establish a blended funding demonstration  
4 project to test a new partnership approach for serving youth with  
5 either serious emotional disturbances or serious behavioral  
6 disturbances or both. The secretary of the department shall have  
7 primary responsibility for negotiating and executing the joint  
8 agreement.

9 (2) The secretary and the superintendent of public instruction  
10 shall transfer to the organization described in this section  
11 appropriations made in the biennial operating budget. These funds  
12 represent a reallocation of existing resources used to serve youth with  
13 either serious emotional disturbances or serious behavioral  
14 disturbances or both. The secretary shall transfer the funds described  
15 in this section notwithstanding RCW 71.24.035(15)(c).

16 (3) If any federal restrictions exist that create barriers to the  
17 transfer of funds appropriated to the department or the superintendent  
18 of public instruction, or if other federal requirements exist that  
19 hamper the implementation of the blended funding demonstration project  
20 described in this section, the secretary and the superintendent of  
21 public instruction shall assist the governor in immediately applying to  
22 the federal government for waivers of the federal restrictions or  
23 requirements.

24 (4) The secretary and the superintendent of public instruction  
25 shall exercise existing statutory authority to the extent necessary to  
26 facilitate the immediate and complete implementation of this blended  
27 funding demonstration project.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The blended funding demonstration project to  
29 test a new partnership approach for serving youth with either serious  
30 emotional disturbances or serious behavioral disturbances or both  
31 shall:

32 (1) Serve at least twenty-seven youth in the least restrictive  
33 setting at a lower cost than traditional approaches;

34 (2) Provide a comprehensive assessment, family advocacy, care  
35 monitoring, and evaluation;

36 (3) Provide individual and family therapy, therapeutic child care,  
37 crisis intervention, residential care, and access to other services  
38 through community-based partner agencies;

1 (4) Create and maintain a data tracking system; and  
2 (5) Evaluate the individual outcomes of the youth served by  
3 reviewing academic performance, placements in psychiatric  
4 hospitalization or residential care, involvement with the juvenile  
5 justice system, out-of-home placement, and quality and amount of  
6 community involvement. The evaluation shall compare the results of  
7 children receiving the services described above with the results of a  
8 similar cohort of children receiving traditional services in a  
9 residential setting.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
11 a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
15 July 1, 2001.

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