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1 AN ACT Relating to a children's system of care; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

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

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

13 (b) The system administrator may be a project site under a Title
14 IV-E waiver.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "children's system of care"
16 means a centralized community care coordination system representing a
17 philosophy about the way services should be delivered to children and
18 their families, using existing resources of various child-serving
19 agencies addressing the problems of children with emotional and

1 behavioral disorders. The agencies represented may include providers
2 of mental health services, drug and alcohol services, services for the
3 developmentally disabled, county juvenile justice and state juvenile
4 rehabilitation, child welfare, and special education.

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

7 (1) Maintain a multiagency collaborative planning and system
8 management mechanism at the state and local levels through the
9 establishment of an oversight committee at the local level in
10 accordance with the principles and program requirements associated with
11 the federal center for children's mental health services;

12 (2) Recommend and make necessary financing changes to support
13 individualized and flexible home and community-based services and
14 supports that are child centered, family driven, strength based, and
15 culturally competent;

16 (3) Support a common screening tool and integrated care
17 coordination system;

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

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

22 (6) Develop the capacity of family members to provide support for
23 one another and to strengthen the family voice in system implementation
24 through the utilization of a citizens' advisory board as described in
25 section 5 of this act and through other outreach activities;

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

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

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall assure collaboration
34 with each demonstration site by child-serving entities operated
35 directly by the department or by departmental contractors. A
36 collaboration contract or memorandum of understanding shall be
37 developed by the demonstration site and the secretary for that purpose.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
2 RCW to read as follows:

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) A citizens' advisory board and the
7 agencies participating in each demonstration site for a children's
8 system of care established under section 1 of this act shall establish
9 evaluation criteria consistent with the goals set forth in section 2 of
10 this act. The evaluation criteria shall be developed no later than
11 sixty days after the effective date of this act.

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

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

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

18 The demonstration site shall submit a report to the children and
19 family services committee of the house of representatives and to the
20 human services and corrections committee of the senate, or their
21 successors. An interim report shall be submitted to the committees by
22 December 1, 2002. A final report shall be submitted to the committees
23 by December 1, 2003.

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

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
26 a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

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