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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 a
6 demonstration site for statewide implementation of a children's system
7 of care. The demonstration site 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 must 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 the 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 the demonstration site by child-serving entities operated directly
35 by the department or by departmental contractors. This collaboration
36 shall take the form specified in the contract for the demonstration
37 site as negotiated by the department and the system administrator.

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

3 The safety net oversight committee shall take into consideration
4 the collaboration of local school districts with the demonstration site
5 for a children's system of care established under section 1 of this act
6 when making determinations of additional allocations for special
7 education from safety net funding, as provided in section 507(8),
8 chapter 7, Laws of 2001 2nd sp. sess.

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

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

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

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

21 The evaluating entity shall submit a report to the children and
22 family services committee of the house of representatives and to the
23 human services and corrections committee of the senate, or their
24 successors. An interim report shall be submitted to the committees by
25 December 1, 2002. A final report shall be submitted to the committees
26 by December 1, 2003.

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

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

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