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1 AN ACT Relating to programs for the prevention of unintended
2 pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases; amending RCW 74.12.410;
3 adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to help
6 people to protect themselves from unintended pregnancy and sexually
7 transmitted disease through programs that are evidence-based,
8 economical, and consistent with RCW 28A.300.475, the state's healthy
9 youth act, as existing on the effective date of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) To reduce unintended pregnancies, state agencies may apply for
13 sexual health education funding for programs that are medically and
14 scientifically accurate, including, but not limited to, programs on
15 abstinence, the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, and the
16 prevention of unintended pregnancies. The state shall ensure that such
17 programs:

18 (a) Are evidence-based;

1 (b) Use state funds cost-effectively;
2 (c) Maximize the use of federal matching funds; and
3 (d) Are consistent with RCW 28A.300.475, the state's healthy youth
4 act, as existing on the effective date of this section.

5 (2) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Medically and scientifically accurate" has the same meaning as
7 in RCW 28A.300.475, as existing on the effective date of this section;
8 and

9 (b) "Evidence-based" means a program that uses practices proven to
10 the greatest extent possible through research in compliance with
11 scientific methods to be effective and beneficial for the target
12 population.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.12.410 and 1997 c 58 s 601 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) At time of application or reassessment under this chapter the
16 department shall offer or contract for family planning information and
17 assistance, including alternatives to abortion, and any other available
18 locally based (~~teen~~) unintended pregnancy prevention programs, to
19 prospective and current recipients of aid to families with dependent
20 children.

21 (2) The department shall work in cooperation with the
22 superintendent of public instruction to reduce the rate of
23 (~~illegitimate births and abortions~~) unintended pregnancies in
24 Washington state.

25 (~~(3) The department of health shall maximize federal funding by~~
26 ~~timely application for federal funds available under P.L. 104-193 and~~
27 ~~Title V of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. 701 et seq., as~~
28 ~~amended, for the establishment of qualifying abstinence education and~~
29 ~~motivation programs. The department of health shall contract, by~~
30 ~~competitive bid, with entities qualified to provide abstinence~~
31 ~~education and motivation programs in the state.~~

32 (~~4) The department of health shall seek and accept local matching~~
33 ~~funds to the maximum extent allowable from qualified abstinence~~
34 ~~education and motivation programs.~~

35 (~~5)(a) For purposes of this section, "qualifying abstinence~~
36 ~~education and motivation programs" are those bidders with experience in~~

1 ~~the conduct of the types of abstinence education and motivation~~
2 ~~programs set forth in Title V of the federal social security act, 42~~
3 ~~U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq., as amended.~~

4 ~~(b) The application for federal funds, contracting for abstinence~~
5 ~~education and motivation programs and performance of contracts under~~
6 ~~this section are subject to review and oversight by a joint committee~~
7 ~~of the legislature, composed of four legislative members, appointed by~~
8 ~~each of the two caucuses in each house.)~~

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act may be known and cited as the
10 proven programs act.

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