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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6524**

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**By** Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the family policy council and the council for  
2 children and families; amending RCW 70.190.100; amending 2011 1st sp.s.  
3 c 32 s 13 (uncodified); and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** 2011 1st sp.s. c 32 s 13 (uncodified) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
8 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, (~~2012~~) 2013:

9 (1) RCW 70.190.005 (Purpose) and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 301 & 1992 c 198  
10 s 1;

11 (2) RCW 70.190.010 (Definitions) and 2009 c 565 s 52, 2009 c 479 s  
12 58, 1996 c 132 s 2, 1995 c 399 s 200, & 1992 c 198 s 3;

13 (3) RCW 70.190.020 (Consolidate efforts of existing entities) and  
14 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 315 & 1992 c 198 s 4;

15 (4) RCW 70.190.100 (Duties of council) and 2012 c ... s 2 (section  
16 2 of this act), 2009 c 479 s 59, 1998 c 245 s 123, & 1994 sp.s. c 7 s  
17 307;

18 (5) RCW 70.190.110 (Program review) and 1998 c 245 s 124 & 1994  
19 sp.s. c 7 s 308;

1 (6) RCW 70.190.120 (Interagency agreement) and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s  
2 309;

3 (7) RCW 70.190.130 (Comprehensive plan--Approval process--Network  
4 expenditures--Penalty for noncompliance with chapter) and 1998 c 314 s  
5 13, 1996 c 132 s 8, & 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 310;

6 (8) RCW 70.190.150 (Federal restrictions on funds transfers,  
7 waivers) and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 312; and

8 (9) RCW 70.190.920 (Effective date--1992 c 198) and 1992 c 198 s  
9 21.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.190.100 and 2009 c 479 s 59 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The family policy council shall:

13 ~~((1) Establish network boundaries no later than July 1, 1994.~~  
14 ~~There is a presumption that no county may be divided between two or~~  
15 ~~more community networks and no network shall have fewer than forty~~  
16 ~~thousand population. When approving multicounty networks, considering~~  
17 ~~dividing a county between networks, or creating a network with a~~  
18 ~~population of less than forty thousand, the council must consider: (a)~~  
19 ~~Common economic, geographic, and social interests; (b) historical and~~  
20 ~~existing shared governance; and (c) the size and location of population~~  
21 ~~centers. Individuals and groups within any area shall be given ample~~  
22 ~~opportunity to propose network boundaries in a manner designed to~~  
23 ~~assure full consideration of their expressed wishes;~~

24 ~~(2) Develop a technical assistance and training program to assist~~  
25 ~~communities in creating and developing community networks and~~  
26 ~~comprehensive plans;~~

27 ~~(3) Approve the structure, purpose, goals, plan, and performance~~  
28 ~~measurements of each community network;~~

29 ~~(4) Identify all prevention and early intervention programs and~~  
30 ~~funds, including all programs set forth in RCW 70.190.110, which could~~  
31 ~~be transferred, in all or part, to the community networks, and report~~  
32 ~~their findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature~~  
33 ~~regarding any appropriate program transfers by January 1 of each year;~~

34 ~~(5) Reward community networks that show exceptional success as~~  
35 ~~provided in RCW 43.41.195;~~

36 ~~(6) Seek every opportunity to maximize federal and other funding~~

1 ~~that is consistent with the plans approved by the council for the~~  
2 ~~purpose and goals of this chapter;~~

3 ~~(7) Review the state-funded out-of-home placement rate before the~~  
4 ~~end of each contract to determine whether the region has sufficiently~~  
5 ~~reduced the rate. If the council determines that there has not been a~~  
6 ~~sufficient reduction in the rate, it may reduce the immediately~~  
7 ~~succeeding grant to the network;~~

8 ~~(8)(a) The council shall monitor the implementation of programs~~  
9 ~~contracted by participating state agencies by reviewing periodic~~  
10 ~~reports on the extent to which services were delivered to intended~~  
11 ~~populations, the quality of services, and the extent to which service~~  
12 ~~outcomes were achieved at the conclusion of service interventions.~~  
13 ~~This monitoring shall include provision for periodic feedback to~~  
14 ~~community networks;~~

15 ~~(b) The legislature intends that this monitoring be used by the~~  
16 ~~Washington state institute for public policy, together with public~~  
17 ~~health data on at-risk behaviors and risk and protective factors, to~~  
18 ~~produce an external evaluation of the effectiveness of the networks and~~  
19 ~~their programs. For this reason, and to conserve public funds, the~~  
20 ~~council shall not conduct or contract for the conduct of control group~~  
21 ~~studies, quasi-experimental design studies, or other analysis efforts~~  
22 ~~to attempt to determine the impact of network programs on at-risk~~  
23 ~~behaviors or risk and protective factors; and~~

24 ~~(9) Review the implementation of chapter 7, Laws of 1994 sp. sess.~~  
25 ~~The report shall use measurable performance standards to evaluate the~~  
26 ~~implementation.))~~

27 (a) No later than October 31, 2012, develop a transition plan for  
28 the oversight of and accountability to the public of the networks as  
29 quasi-governmental entities after the council sunsets. The transition  
30 plan may include the transfer of network authority to another viable  
31 entity including another network, or the discontinuation of any  
32 network;

33 (b) Partner with the private-public initiative established in RCW  
34 70.305.020 to support continued community capacity development in the  
35 state;

36 (c) Assist in identifying those community networks best positioned  
37 to participate in activities contemplated by RCW 70.305.020;

1       (d) Assist the networks in: (i) Identifying and obtaining funding  
2 opportunities that help achieve the network purposes; (ii)  
3 participating in public-private partnerships; and (iii) building  
4 community capacity; and

5       (e) Ensure that the transition plan is implemented no later than  
6 June 30, 2013.

7       (2) The transition plan required in subsection (1)(a) of this  
8 section shall be delivered to the appropriate committees of the  
9 legislature no later than November 15, 2012.

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