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CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1858** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Parker, Kagi, Dickerson, Goodman, Lytton, Jacks, Probst, Walsh, Carlyle, Kenney, and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services'
2 authority with regard to semi-secure and secure crisis residential
3 centers and HOPE centers; and amending RCW 74.13.032, 74.15.220, and
4 74.15.255.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.032 and 2009 c 520 s 53 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based
9 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential
10 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be
11 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the
12 department and shall have an average of at least four adult staff
13 members and in no event less than three adult staff members to every
14 eight children.

15 (2) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
16 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with
17 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with
18 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed under

1 rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include semi-
2 secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to subsection (1)
3 of this section.

4 (3) The department shall, in addition to the facilities established
5 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, establish additional
6 crisis residential centers pursuant to performance-based contracts with
7 licensed private group care facilities.

8 (4) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to
9 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential
10 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to
11 RCW 74.15.220 in the same building or structure. The department shall
12 permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the
13 facility agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type
14 of center that is located within the building or structure.

15 (5) The staff at the facilities established under this section
16 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles
17 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and structure
18 to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and the varying
19 circumstances that cause children to leave their families, and carry
20 out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090. The
21 responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers,
22 be carried out by the department.

23 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The secure facilities located within crisis residential
24 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW
25 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one
26 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall
27 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

28 ~~((+6))~~ (7) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or
29 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be
30 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the
31 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.15.220 and 1999 c 267 s 12 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 The secretary shall establish HOPE centers that provide no more
35 than seventy-five beds across the state and may establish HOPE centers
36 by contract, within funds appropriated by the legislature specifically
37 for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be operated in a manner to

1 reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not run away.
2 Street youth may leave a HOPE center during the course of the day to
3 attend school or other necessary appointments, but the street youth
4 must be accompanied by an administrator or an administrator's designee.
5 The street youth must provide the administration with specific
6 information regarding his or her destination and expected time of
7 return to the HOPE center. Any street youth who runs away from a HOPE
8 center shall not be readmitted unless specifically authorized by the
9 street youth's placement and liaison specialist, and the placement and
10 liaison specialist shall document with specific factual findings an
11 appropriate basis for readmitting any street youth to a HOPE center.
12 HOPE centers are required to have the following:

13 (1) A license issued by the secretary;

14 (2) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social
15 work, or related field and at least one year of experience working with
16 street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related
17 field and five years of experience working with street youth. This
18 professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time employee,
19 but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE center at a
20 ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE center. This
21 professional shall be known as a placement and liaison specialist.
22 Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-credentialed in
23 mental health and chemical dependency. The placement and liaison
24 specialist shall:

25 (a) Conduct an assessment of the street youth that includes a
26 determination of the street youth's legal status regarding residential
27 placement;

28 (b) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally
29 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate
30 processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any
31 street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW
32 13.34.030 must be referred to the department. The department shall
33 determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter
34 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two
35 hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department
36 determines is appropriate for out-of-home placement under chapter 13.34
37 RCW. All of the provisions of chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for
38 children in need of services or at-risk youth;

1 (c) Interface with other relevant resources and system
2 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other
3 needed services for the street youth;

4 (d) Be assigned immediately to each youth and meet with the youth
5 within eight hours of the youth receiving HOPE center services;

6 (e) Facilitate a physical examination of any street youth who has
7 not seen a physician within one year prior to residence at a HOPE
8 center and facilitate evaluation by a county-designated mental health
9 professional, a chemical dependency specialist, or both if appropriate;
10 and

11 (f) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street youth's
12 competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics, and that
13 will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

14 (3) Staff trained in development needs of street youth as
15 determined by the secretary, including an administrator who is a
16 professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a
17 related field and at least one year of experience working with street
18 youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related field
19 and five years of experience working with street youth, who must work
20 with the placement and liaison specialist to provide appropriate
21 services on site;

22 (4) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the
23 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be used
24 for future program development and service delivery. Data collection
25 systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols developed by the
26 secretary;

27 (5) Notification requirements that meet the notification
28 requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time
29 must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must
30 immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a
31 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred
32 to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff
33 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE
34 center and not return after full consideration of the factors set forth
35 in RCW 13.32A.130(2)(a) (i) and (ii). The street youth's temporary
36 placement in the HOPE center must be authorized by the court or the
37 secretary if the youth is a dependent of the state under chapter 13.34

1 RCW or the department is responsible for the youth under chapter 13.32A
2 RCW, or by the youth's parent or legal custodian, until such time as
3 the parent can retrieve the youth who is returning to home;

4 (6) HOPE centers must identify to the department any street youth
5 it serves who is not returning promptly to home. The department then
6 must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in chapter
7 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report that the
8 youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent should
9 receive notice from the department;

10 (7) Services that provide counseling and education to the street
11 youth; and

12 (8) The department shall (~~only~~) award contracts for the operation
13 of HOPE center beds and responsible living skills programs (~~in~~
14 ~~departmental regions:~~ ~~(a) With operating secure crisis residential~~
15 ~~centers; or (b) in which the secretary finds significant progress is~~
16 ~~made toward opening a secure crisis residential center~~) with the goal
17 of facilitating the coordination of services provided for youth by such
18 programs and those services provided by secure and semi-secure crisis
19 residential centers.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.15.255 and 2010 c 289 s 10 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1)(a) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
23 department shall contract for a continuum of short-term stabilization
24 services pursuant to RCW 13.32A.030 and 74.15.220. The department
25 shall collaborate with service providers in a manner that allows secure
26 and semi-secure crisis residential centers and HOPE centers to be
27 located in a geographically representative manner and to facilitate the
28 coordination of services provided for youth by such programs. To
29 achieve efficiencies and increase utilization, the department shall
30 allow the collocation of these centers in the same building or
31 structure, except that a youth may not be placed in a secure facility
32 or the secure portion of a colocated facility except as specifically
33 authorized by chapter 13.32A RCW. The department shall allow the
34 collocation of these centers only if the entity operating the facility
35 agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type of center
36 that is located within the building or structure. The beds so

1 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program
2 or center for which they are designated.

3 (b) The department shall adopt rules to allow the licensing of
4 colocated facilities that include any combination of secure or semi-
5 secure crisis residential centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030, or HOPE
6 centers as defined in RCW 74.15.020. Such rules may provide for
7 flexible payment structures, center specific licensing waivers, or
8 other appropriate methods to increase utilization and provide
9 flexibility, while continuing to meet the statutory goals of the
10 programs. The rules shall provide that a condition of being licensed
11 as a colocated facility is that the contracting entity must designate
12 a particular number of beds in the colocated facility to each type of
13 center that is located within the building or structure. The beds so
14 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program
15 or center for which they are designated.

16 (2) The department shall require that to be licensed or continue to
17 be licensed as a secure or semi-secure crisis residential center or
18 HOPE center that the center has on staff, or otherwise has access to,
19 a person who has been trained to work with the needs of sexually
20 exploited children. For purposes of this (~~section~~) subsection,
21 "sexually exploited child" means that person as defined in RCW
22 13.32A.030(17).

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