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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing the homeless youth prevention and
2 protection act of 2015; amending RCW 43.185C.010, 43.185C.180,
3 43.185C.250, 43.185C.260, 43.185C.280, 43.185C.285, 43.185C.295,
4 43.185C.320, 43.185C.325, and 43.185C.330; and reenacting and
5 amending RCW 13.50.010.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.50.010 and 2015 c 265 s 2 and 2015 c 262 s 1 are
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (1) For purposes of this chapter:

10 (a) "Good faith effort to pay" means a juvenile offender has
11 either (i) paid the principal amount in full; (ii) made at least
12 eighty percent of the value of full monthly payments within the
13 period from disposition or deferred disposition until the time the
14 amount of restitution owed is under review; or (iii) can show good
15 cause why he or she paid an amount less than eighty percent of the
16 value of full monthly payments;

17 (b) "Juvenile justice or care agency" means any of the following:
18 Police, diversion units, court, prosecuting attorney, defense
19 attorney, detention center, attorney general, the legislative
20 children's oversight committee, the office of the family and
21 children's ombuds, the department of social and health services and

1 its contracting agencies, schools; persons or public or private
2 agencies having children committed to their custody; and any
3 placement oversight committee created under RCW 72.05.415;

4 (c) "Official juvenile court file" means the legal file of the
5 juvenile court containing the petition or information, motions,
6 memorandums, briefs, findings of the court, and court orders;

7 (d) "Records" means the official juvenile court file, the social
8 file, and records of any other juvenile justice or care agency in the
9 case;

10 (e) "Social file" means the juvenile court file containing the
11 records and reports of the probation counselor.

12 (2) Each petition or information filed with the court may include
13 only one juvenile and each petition or information shall be filed
14 under a separate docket number. The social file shall be filed
15 separately from the official juvenile court file.

16 (3) It is the duty of any juvenile justice or care agency to
17 maintain accurate records. To this end:

18 (a) The agency may never knowingly record inaccurate information.
19 Any information in records maintained by the department of social and
20 health services relating to a petition filed pursuant to chapter
21 13.34 RCW that is found by the court to be false or inaccurate shall
22 be corrected or expunged from such records by the agency;

23 (b) An agency shall take reasonable steps to assure the security
24 of its records and prevent tampering with them; and

25 (c) An agency shall make reasonable efforts to insure the
26 completeness of its records, including action taken by other agencies
27 with respect to matters in its files.

28 (4) Each juvenile justice or care agency shall implement
29 procedures consistent with the provisions of this chapter to
30 facilitate inquiries concerning records.

31 (5) Any person who has reasonable cause to believe information
32 concerning that person is included in the records of a juvenile
33 justice or care agency and who has been denied access to those
34 records by the agency may make a motion to the court for an order
35 authorizing that person to inspect the juvenile justice or care
36 agency record concerning that person. The court shall grant the
37 motion to examine records unless it finds that in the interests of
38 justice or in the best interests of the juvenile the records or parts
39 of them should remain confidential.

1 (6) A juvenile, or his or her parents, or any person who has
2 reasonable cause to believe information concerning that person is
3 included in the records of a juvenile justice or care agency may make
4 a motion to the court challenging the accuracy of any information
5 concerning the moving party in the record or challenging the
6 continued possession of the record by the agency. If the court grants
7 the motion, it shall order the record or information to be corrected
8 or destroyed.

9 (7) The person making a motion under subsection (5) or (6) of
10 this section shall give reasonable notice of the motion to all
11 parties to the original action and to any agency whose records will
12 be affected by the motion.

13 (8) The court may permit inspection of records by, or release of
14 information to, any clinic, hospital, or agency which has the subject
15 person under care or treatment. The court may also permit inspection
16 by or release to individuals or agencies, including juvenile justice
17 advisory committees of county law and justice councils, engaged in
18 legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes.
19 Each person granted permission to inspect juvenile justice or care
20 agency records for research purposes shall present a notarized
21 statement to the court stating that the names of juveniles and
22 parents will remain confidential.

23 (9) The court shall release to the caseload forecast council the
24 records needed for its research and data-gathering functions. Access
25 to caseload forecast data may be permitted by the council for
26 research purposes only if the anonymity of all persons mentioned in
27 the records or information will be preserved.

28 (10) Juvenile detention facilities shall release records to the
29 caseload forecast council upon request. The commission shall not
30 disclose the names of any juveniles or parents mentioned in the
31 records without the named individual's written permission.

32 (11) Requirements in this chapter relating to the court's
33 authority to compel disclosure shall not apply to the legislative
34 children's oversight committee or the office of the family and
35 children's ombuds.

36 (12) For the purpose of research only, the administrative office
37 of the courts shall maintain an electronic research copy of all
38 records in the judicial information system related to juveniles.
39 Access to the research copy is restricted to the Washington state
40 center for court research. The Washington state center for court

1 research shall maintain the confidentiality of all confidential
2 records and shall preserve the anonymity of all persons identified in
3 the research copy. The research copy may not be subject to any
4 records retention schedule and must include records destroyed or
5 removed from the judicial information system pursuant to RCW
6 13.50.270 and 13.50.100(3).

7 (13) The court shall release to the Washington state office of
8 public defense records needed to implement the agency's oversight,
9 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW
10 2.70.020. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,
11 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the
12 Washington state office of public defense. The Washington state
13 office of public defense shall maintain the confidentiality of all
14 confidential information included in the records.

15 (14) The court shall release to the Washington state office of
16 civil legal aid records needed to implement the agency's oversight,
17 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW
18 2.53.045. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,
19 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the
20 Washington state office of civil legal aid. The Washington state
21 office of civil legal aid shall maintain the confidentiality of all
22 confidential information included in the records, and shall, as soon
23 as possible, destroy any retained notes or records obtained under
24 this section that are not necessary for its functions related to RCW
25 2.53.045.

26 (15) For the purpose of providing for the service needs of youth
27 who are in foster care, the department of social and health services
28 may disclose to the department of commerce, and its contractors,
29 those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may
30 assist with meeting the service needs of youth admitted to crisis
31 residential centers or HOPE centers under contract to the office of
32 homeless youth prevention and protection. Records disclosed under
33 this subsection retain their confidentiality, and may not be further
34 disclosed except as permitted by law.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2015 c 69 s 10 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
38 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- 1 (1) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily
2 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center.
- 3 (2) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed
4 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department of social and
5 health services seeking adjudication of placement of the child.
- 6 (3) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
7 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.
- 8 (4) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure
9 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.
- 10 (5) "Department" means the department of commerce.
- 11 (6) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.
- 12 (7) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account
13 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources
14 established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other sources
15 directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.
- 16 (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by which
17 competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing moneys
18 from the home security fund account, to local governments for
19 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and
20 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing
21 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other
22 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.
- 23 (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan developed by
24 the county or other local government to address housing for homeless
25 persons.
- 26 (10) "Homeless housing program" means the program authorized
27 under this chapter as administered by the department at the state
28 level and by the local government or its designated subcontractor at
29 the local level.
- 30 (11) "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year plan
31 developed by the department, in consultation with the interagency
32 council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board.
- 33 (12) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a
34 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal
35 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing
36 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing
37 program if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes
38 substance abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who
39 are homeless.

1 (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to
2 provide temporary residential placement and other services to street
3 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days
4 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated.
5 No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by
6 the department and any additional days approved by the department
7 must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option.
8 A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may
9 remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of
10 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court
11 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center
12 up to thirty days.

13 (14) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations
14 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

15 (15) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals
16 along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
17 homeownership at the other.

18 (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
19 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
20 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
21 commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the department of
22 social and health services; (d) the department of veterans affairs;
23 and (e) the department of health.

24 (17) "Local government" means a county government in the state of
25 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
26 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
27 homeless persons within its borders.

28 (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a voluntary local
29 committee created to advise a local government on the creation of a
30 local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless
31 housing program. It must include a representative of the county, a
32 representative of the largest city located within the county, at
33 least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other members as
34 may be required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related
35 to housing programs and services and if feasible, a representative of
36 a private nonprofit organization with experience in low-income
37 housing.

38 (19) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and
39 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no
40 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

1 (20) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
2 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

3 (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or
4 portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a
5 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from
6 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

7 (22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not
8 limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family
9 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed
10 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the
11 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable
12 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no
13 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night.
14 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility
15 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving
16 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator
17 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to
18 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any
19 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable
20 time of his or her return to the center.

21 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care
22 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and
23 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to
24 every two children.

25 (24) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide
26 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities,
27 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the
28 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and
29 collect data on all homeless individuals in Washington.

30 (25) "Washington homeless client management information system"
31 means a database of information about homeless individuals in the
32 state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to
33 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-
34 sufficiency or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon
35 their individual situations.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2011 c 239 s 1 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the
39 department, within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this

1 specific purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client
2 management information system for the ongoing collection and updates
3 of information about all homeless individuals in the state.

4 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
5 homeless client management information system shall come from the
6 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community
7 organizations providing services to homeless individuals and
8 families.

9 (a) Personally identifying information about homeless individuals
10 for the Washington homeless client management information system may
11 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time
12 limited (i) written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
13 information relates, or (ii) telephonic consent from the homeless
14 individual, provided that written consent is obtained at the first
15 time the individual is physically present at an organization with
16 access to the Washington homeless client management information
17 system. Safeguards consistent with federal requirements on data
18 collection must be in place to protect homeless individuals' rights
19 regarding their personally identifying information.

20 (b) Data collection under this subsection shall be done in a
21 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines
22 regarding human research which, at a minimum, require that
23 individuals receive:

24 (i) Information about the expected duration of their
25 participation in the Washington homeless client management
26 information system;

27 (ii) An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent
28 questions about the data collection and their rights regarding their
29 personal identifying information;

30 (iii) An explanation regarding whom to contact in the event of
31 injury to the individual related to the Washington homeless client
32 management information system;

33 (iv) A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
34 homeless individual; and

35 (v) A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of
36 records identifying the individual will be maintained.

37 (c) The department must adopt policies governing the appropriate
38 process for destroying Washington homeless client management
39 information system paper documents containing personally identifying

1 information when the paper documents are no longer needed. The
2 policies must not conflict with any federal data requirements.

3 (d) Any unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or older may
4 give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying
5 information under this section. As used in this subsection (2),
6 "unaccompanied" has the definition in RCW 43.330.702.

7 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
8 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
9 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
10 database with available housing and other support services. Local
11 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
12 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
13 homeless persons.

14 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
15 information system will also provide the department with the
16 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and
17 nature of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to
18 information about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington
19 state among families with children.

20 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
21 reporting systems and shall:

22 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

23 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
24 state agencies including the department of social and health
25 services, experts, and community organizations involved in the
26 delivery of services to homeless persons; and

27 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
28 agencies.

29 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
30 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
31 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly,
32 using appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

33 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
34 shall be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with new
35 homeless client information at least annually.

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.250 and 2015 c 69 s 11 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may
39 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and

1 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the
2 child's parent.

3 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a
4 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or
5 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the
6 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

7 (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding
8 weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the
9 team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed
10 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not
11 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The
12 court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is
13 ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth
14 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the
15 parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home
16 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3).

17 (2) The (~~administrator~~) department shall request participation
18 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and
19 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those
20 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the (~~secretary~~)
21 director of the department or the director's designee all information
22 necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team and the
23 (~~administrator~~) director or the director's designee shall provide
24 this information to the administrator of each crisis residential
25 center.

26 (3) The administrator shall also seek participation from
27 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment
28 providers as appropriate.

29 (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a
30 multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the
31 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or
32 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law
33 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed
34 health care practitioners, social service providers, youth
35 residential placement providers, other family members, church
36 representatives, and members of their own community. The
37 administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of
38 persons requested by the parent or child.

1 (5) When an administrator of a crisis residential center requests
2 the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as soon as
3 possible.

4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.260 and 2015 c 69 s 13 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:

7 (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the parent
8 of the child that the child is absent from parental custody without
9 consent; or

10 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering
11 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is
12 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or
13 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

14 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child
15 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away
16 from placement; or

17 (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the juvenile
18 court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe that the
19 child has violated a court placement order issued under this chapter
20 or chapter 13.34 RCW or that the court has issued an order for law
21 enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter or chapter 13.34
22 RCW.

23 (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of
24 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination
25 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law
26 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer
27 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity
28 under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is
29 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person,
30 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept
31 custody.

32 (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody
33 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and
34 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer
35 shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the
36 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons
37 the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the
38 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's
39 report if the youth is a dependent.

1 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the
2 juvenile into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center
3 have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home
4 because he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made
5 immediately to the department of social and health services.

6 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any
7 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of
8 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

9 (6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that
10 a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080,
11 the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person
12 harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the
13 locations specified in RCW 43.185C.265.

14 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as
15 provided in this chapter.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.280 and 2015 c 69 s 16 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The administrator of a designated crisis residential center
19 shall perform the duties under subsection (3) of this section:

20 (a) Upon admitting a child who has been brought to the center by
21 a law enforcement officer under RCW 43.185C.265;

22 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has
23 requested admittance to the center;

24 (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.082 that the
25 person is providing shelter to a child absent from home; or

26 (d) Upon learning that a child has been placed with a responsible
27 adult pursuant to RCW 43.185C.265.

28 (2) Transportation expenses of the child shall be at the parent's
29 expense to the extent of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet
30 transportation expenses assumed by the crisis residential center.

31 (3) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this
32 section are present, the administrator of a center shall perform the
33 following duties:

34 (a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's
35 whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances
36 surrounding his or her placement;

37 (b) Initially notify the parent that it is the paramount concern
38 of the family reconciliation service personnel to achieve a
39 reconciliation between the parent and child to reunify the family and

1 inform the parent as to the procedures to be followed under this
2 chapter;

3 (c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective
4 services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard
5 pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(1) governing child abuse and neglect in
6 this state; and either

7 (d)(i) Arrange transportation for the child to the residence of
8 the parent, as soon as practicable, when the child and his or her
9 parent agrees to the child's return home or when the parent produces
10 a copy of a court order entered under this chapter requiring the
11 child to reside in the parent's home; or

12 (ii) Arrange transportation for the child to: (A) An out-of-home
13 placement which may include a licensed group care facility or foster
14 family when agreed to by the child and parent; or (B) a certified or
15 licensed mental health or chemical dependency program of the parent's
16 choice.

17 (4) If the administrator of the crisis residential center
18 performs the duties listed in subsection (3) of this section for a
19 dependent child, he or she shall also notify the department of social
20 and health services that a dependent child has been admitted to the
21 crisis residential center.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.285 and 2015 c 69 s 17 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify
25 parents((~~7~~)) and the appropriate law enforcement agency((~~7~~~~and~~~~the~~
26 ~~department of social and health services~~)) immediately as to any
27 unauthorized leave from the center by a child placed at the center.
28 The administrator shall also notify the department of social and
29 health services immediately as to any unauthorized leave from the
30 center by a dependent child placed at the center.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.295 and 2015 c 69 s 19 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based
34 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential
35 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be
36 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the
37 department of social and health services and shall have an average of

1 at least four adult staff members and in no event less than three
2 adult staff members to every eight children.

3 (2) Crisis residential centers must record client information
4 into a homeless management information system specified by the
5 department.

6 (3) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
7 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with
8 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with
9 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed
10 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include
11 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to
12 subsection (1) of this section.

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

17 (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to
18 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential
19 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to
20 RCW 43.185C.315 in the same building or structure. The department
21 shall permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity
22 operating the facility agrees to designate a particular number of
23 beds to each type of center that is located within the building or
24 structure.

25 (6) The staff at the facilities established under this section
26 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles
27 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and
28 structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and
29 the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their
30 families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW
31 43.185C.280.

32 (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential
33 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW
34 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one
35 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall
36 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

37 (8) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or
38 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be
39 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the
40 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.320 and 2015 c 69 s 23 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 To be eligible for placement in a HOPE center, a minor must be
4 either a street youth, as that term is defined in this chapter, or a
5 youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to
6 participate in increasingly risky behavior. Youth may also self-refer
7 to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed is not contingent
8 upon prior approval by the department(~~(; however, approval from the~~
9 ~~department of social and health services is needed if the youth is~~
10 ~~dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW)~~).

11 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.325 and 1999 c 267 s 21 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The department shall provide technical assistance in
14 preparation of grant proposals for HOPE centers ((and)) to nonprofit
15 organizations unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of
16 requests for proposals to the department.

17 (2) The department of social and health services shall provide
18 technical assistance in preparation of grant proposals for
19 responsible living skills programs to nonprofit organizations
20 unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of requests for
21 proposals to the department of social and health services.

22 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.330 and 1999 c 267 s 22 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The department shall consider prioritizing, on an ongoing
25 basis, the awarding of contracts for HOPE centers ((and responsible
26 living skills programs)) to providers who have not traditionally been
27 awarded contracts with the department.

28 (2) The department of social and health services shall consider
29 prioritizing, on an ongoing basis, the awarding of contracts for
30 responsible living skills programs to providers who have not
31 traditionally been awarded contracts with the department of social
32 and health services.

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