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By Representatives Johnson, Appleton, Chandler, Ryu, Holy, Hurst, Dent, McCabe, Stokesbary, and Scott

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1 AN ACT Relating to services provided by residential habilitation  
2 centers; and amending RCW 71A.20.010 and 71A.20.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.20.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 30 s 4 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) This chapter covers the operation of residential habilitation  
7 centers. The selection of persons to be served at the centers is  
8 governed by chapters 71A.16 and 71A.18 RCW. The purposes of this  
9 chapter are: To provide for those persons who are exceptional in  
10 their needs for care, treatment, and education by reason of  
11 developmental disabilities, residential care designed to develop  
12 their individual capacities to their optimum; to provide for  
13 admittance, withdrawal and discharge from state residential  
14 habilitation centers upon application; and to insure a comprehensive  
15 program for the education, guidance, care, treatment, and  
16 rehabilitation of all persons admitted to residential habilitation  
17 centers.

18 (2) Effective no later than July 1, 2012, no person under the age  
19 of sixteen years may be admitted to receive services at a residential  
20 habilitation center. Effective no later than July 1, 2012, no person  
21 under the age of (~~twenty-one~~) eighteen years may be admitted to

1 receive services at a residential center, unless there are no service  
2 options available in the community to appropriately meet the needs of  
3 the individual. Such admission is limited to the provision of short-  
4 term respite or crisis stabilization services.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71A.20.180 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 30 s 6 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 ~~((1) By December 31, 2011, the department shall:~~

8 ~~(a) Close Frances Haddon Morgan residential rehabilitation center~~  
9 ~~and relocate current residents consistent with the requirements of~~  
10 ~~section 7 of this act; and~~

11 ~~(b) Establish at least two state operating living alternatives on~~  
12 ~~the campus of the Frances Haddon Morgan center, if residents have~~  
13 ~~chosen to receive care in such a setting and subject to federal~~  
14 ~~requirements related to the receipt of federal medicaid matching~~  
15 ~~funds.~~

16 ~~(2)(a) Upon August 24, 2011, the department shall not permit any~~  
17 ~~new admission to Yakima Valley School unless such admission is~~  
18 ~~limited to the provision of short term respite or crisis~~  
19 ~~stabilization services. Except as provided in (b) of this subsection,~~  
20 ~~no current permanent resident of Yakima Valley School shall be~~  
21 ~~required or compelled to relocate to a different care setting as a~~  
22 ~~result of chapter 30, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess.~~

23 ~~(b) The Yakima Valley School shall continue to operate as a~~  
24 ~~residential habilitation center until such time that the census of~~  
25 ~~permanent residents has reached sixteen persons. As part of the~~  
26 ~~closure plan, at least two cottages will be converted to state-~~  
27 ~~operated living alternatives, subject to federal requirements related~~  
28 ~~to the receipt of federal medicaid matching funds.~~

29 ~~(3) To assure the successful implementation of subsections (1)~~  
30 ~~and (2) of this section,)) The department, within available funds:~~

31 ~~((a))~~ (1) Shall establish state-operated living alternatives to  
32 provide community residential services to residential habilitation  
33 center residents transitioning to the community under chapter 30,  
34 Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. who prefer a state-operated living  
35 alternative. The department shall offer residential habilitation  
36 center employees opportunities to work in state-operated living  
37 alternatives as they are established;

1        ~~((b))~~ (2) May use existing supported living program capacity in  
2 the community for former residential habilitation center residents  
3 who prefer and choose a supported living program;

4        ~~((c) Shall continue to staff and operate at Yakima Valley School  
5 crisis stabilization beds and respite service beds at the existing  
6 bed capacity as of June 1, 2011, for individuals with developmental  
7 disabilities requiring such services;~~

8        ~~(d))~~ (3) Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis  
9 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based  
10 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the  
11 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services; ~~((and~~

12        ~~(e))~~ (4) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services  
13 evenly distributed throughout the state, such as dental care,  
14 physical therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care,  
15 which can be made available to former residents of residential  
16 habilitation centers and, within available funds, other individuals  
17 with developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

18        (5) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential  
19 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the  
20 community with a goal of allowing clients to access services where  
21 they choose.

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