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**By** Representatives Chopp, Sullivan, Ormsby, Cody, Harris, Lovick, Jinkins, Kilduff, Riccelli, Pettigrew, Davis, Stonier, Macri, Robinson, Ortiz-Self, Frame, Senn, Slatter, Schmick, Chandler, Caldier, Tarleton, Appleton, Dolan, Thai, Shewmake, Valdez, Bergquist, Reeves, Goodman, Lekanoff, and Pollet; by request of Office of the Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a behavioral health innovation  
2 and integration campus within the University of Washington school of  
3 medicine; adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and creating a  
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature finds that there is a need for services for  
9 individuals with behavioral health needs, and there is a shortage of  
10 behavioral health workers in Washington state. The legislature  
11 further finds that there is a need for a trained workforce that is  
12 experienced in fully integrated care and able to address a full range  
13 of needs, including primary care, mental health, and substance use  
14 disorder, in all health care specialties. The legislature further  
15 finds that there is a need to support rural and otherwise underserved  
16 communities around the state with timely telehealth specialty  
17 consultation.

18 The legislature further finds that the University of Washington  
19 school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences  
20 is a nationally competitive program and has the expertise to  
21 establish innovative clinical inpatient and outpatient care for

1 individuals with behavioral health needs while at the same time  
2 training the next generation of behavioral health providers,  
3 including primary care professionals, in inpatient and outpatient  
4 settings. The legislature further finds that the University of  
5 Washington school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral  
6 sciences, along with the University of Washington schools of nursing,  
7 social work, pharmacy, public health, and other relevant disciplines,  
8 are especially well-situated to take on the task of developing this  
9 transformational service-oriented programing.

10 Therefore, the legislature intends to partner with the University  
11 of Washington to develop plans for the creation of the University of  
12 Washington behavioral health innovation and integration campus to  
13 increase access to behavioral health services in the state. Planning  
14 for the teaching campus should include: (1) Strengthening the  
15 nationally competitive psychiatry residency program to bring more  
16 psychiatrists to the state of Washington and training them to work  
17 with rural and otherwise underserved communities and populations;  
18 training other health care providers, such as primary care doctors,  
19 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers,  
20 counselors, and peers, to work in teams that can address the  
21 physical, psychological, and social needs of individuals and  
22 families; and (3) expanding the telepsychiatry consultation program.  
23 Planning for the campus should also include capacity to provide  
24 inpatient care for up to one hundred fifty individuals who currently  
25 receive extended inpatient psychiatric care at western state hospital  
26 under the state's involuntary treatment act, chapter 71.05 RCW.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20  
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 A behavioral health innovation and integration campus is created  
30 within the University of Washington school of medicine. The campus  
31 must include inpatient treatment capacity and focus on inpatient and  
32 outpatient care for individuals with behavioral health needs while  
33 training a behavioral health provider workforce. The training must  
34 include an interdisciplinary curriculum and programs that support and  
35 encourage professionals to work in teams. The training must use  
36 current best practices and encourage innovation of future best  
37 practices in order to provide behavioral health care across the  
38 entire spectrum of health care providers.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    (1) The University of Washington school of  
2 medicine shall report to the office of financial management and the  
3 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2019, with  
4 plans on development and siting of a teaching hospital to provide  
5 inpatient care for up to one hundred fifty individuals to receive  
6 care under chapter 71.05 RCW.

7        (2) The plan may also include: (a) Adding psychiatry residency  
8 training slots focused on community psychiatry services; (b)  
9 initiating telehealth consultation to community-based hospitals,  
10 clinics, housing programs, nursing homes, and other facilities; (c)  
11 initiating a fellowship program for family physicians or other  
12 primary care providers interested in treating the patients with  
13 behavioral health needs; (d) initiating a residency program for  
14 advanced practice psychiatric nurses and advanced registered nurse  
15 practitioners interested in community psychiatry; and (e) developing  
16 integrated workforce development programs for new or existing  
17 behavioral health providers in partnership with training programs for  
18 nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, social workers,  
19 other health care workers, and other workforce development efforts.

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