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By Representatives Roland, Heavey, Rasmussen, Rayburn, Orr, Spanel, Leonard, Basich and Winsley.

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1            AN ACT Relating to at-risk youth; and amending RCW 13.32A.030.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.030 and 1990 c 276 s 3 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            As used in this chapter the following terms have the meanings  
6 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

7            (1) "Department" means the department of social and health  
8 services;

9            (2) "Child," "juvenile," and "youth" mean any individual who is  
10 under the chronological age of eighteen years;

11            (3) "Parent" means the legal custodian(s) or guardian(s) of a  
12 child;

13            (4) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility, including but not  
14 limited to crisis residential centers or specialized foster family  
15 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed

1 there will not run away: PROVIDED, That such facility shall not be a  
2 secure institution or facility as defined by the federal juvenile  
3 justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974 (P.L. 93-415; 42 U.S.C.  
4 Sec. 5634 et seq.) and regulations and clarifying instructions  
5 promulgated thereunder. Pursuant to rules established by the  
6 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable hours  
7 for residents to come and go from the facility such that no residents  
8 are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night. To prevent  
9 residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility administrator,  
10 where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving the facility upon  
11 the resident being accompanied by the administrator or the  
12 administrator's designee and the resident may be required to notify the  
13 administrator or the administrator's designee of any intent to leave,  
14 his or her intended destination, and the probable time of his or her  
15 return to the center. The facility administrator shall notify a parent  
16 and the appropriate law enforcement agency within four hours of all  
17 unauthorized leaves;

18 (5) "At-risk youth" means an individual under the chronological age  
19 of eighteen years who meets any of the following criteria:

20 (a) Is absent from home for more than (~~seventy-two~~) forty-eight  
21 consecutive hours without consent of his or her parent;

22 (b) Is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the  
23 child's behavior substantially endangers the health, safety, or welfare  
24 of the child or any other person; or

25 (c) Has a (~~serious~~) substance abuse problem (~~for which there are~~  
26 ~~no pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse~~) that  
27 endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other  
28 person.