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1 AN ACT Relating to controlled substances; adding a new section to
2 chapter 69.50 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the
5 unlawful use of a controlled substance produces a severe and lasting
6 effect upon the user and society. This is particularly true when the
7 unlawful user of the controlled substance is a child under twelve years
8 of age. The emotional and economic damage that drug abuse causes to
9 the victims of this crime, to the families and friends of the victims,
10 and to society, is of a most severe and lasting nature.

11 The legislature finds that persons who commit such offenses have
12 demonstrated utter disregard for the welfare and safety of both our
13 youth and our society as a whole. Because of this demonstrated
14 disregard for the public welfare and safety, the legislature finds that
15 persons who commit such crimes have a high probability of reoffending

1 and that the public safety will best be served by imposing a sentence
2 of extreme length.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Every person eighteen years of age or older who is convicted of a
6 violation of RCW 69.50.401 involving the delivery of a controlled
7 substance to an individual who is under twelve years of age shall be
8 sentenced to not less than ninety-nine years of total confinement in
9 the state penitentiary. It shall not be a defense to a violation of
10 this section that the accused did not know the age of the individual
11 protected under this section.