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CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1608** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Winsley, Rasmussen, Beck, Anderson, Hargrove, Brekke, Bowman, Dorn, Hine, Rust, Riley, Spanel, H. Myers, Dellwo, Phillips, Haugen, Jacobsen, Jones, R. King, Pruitt, Basich, R. Johnson, Van Luven, Holland, Valle, Paris, Belcher, Sheldon and O'Brien).

Read first time March 4, 1991.

1       AN ACT Relating to children's services; amending RCW 13.34.030 and  
2       74.13.300; adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; adding new  
3       sections to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 13.34  
4       RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 71 RCW; creating new sections; and  
5       declaring an emergency.

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

7       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**       The department of social and health  
8       services shall conduct an assessment of the children in its care to  
9       determine the appropriate level of residential and treatment services  
10      required by these children. Prior to performing the assessment, the  
11      department shall, in conjunction with the private sector, develop a  
12      comprehensive, multidisciplinary diagnostic/assessment tool to be used  
13      in conducting the assessment. Any such assessment shall be based on a  
14      statistically valid sample of all children in the department's care.  
15      The department shall report the results of the assessment to the

1 appropriate standing committees of the legislature by September 15,  
2 1992. The department shall submit recommendations to the appropriate  
3 standing committees of the legislature on reallocating funds for  
4 children's services by December 1, 1992.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The department of social and health services may implement a  
8 therapeutic family home program for up to fifteen youth in the custody  
9 of the department under chapter 13.34 RCW. The program shall strive to  
10 develop and maintain a mutually reinforcing relationship between the  
11 youth and the therapeutic staff associated with the program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature finds that a destructive  
13 lifestyle of drug and street gang activity is rapidly becoming  
14 prevalent among some of the state's youths. Gang and drug activity may  
15 be a culturally influenced phenomenon which the legislature intends  
16 public and private agencies to consider and address in prevention and  
17 treatment programs. Gang and drug-involved youths are more likely to  
18 become addicted to drugs or alcohol, live in poverty, experience high  
19 unemployment, be incarcerated, and die of violence than other youths.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The department of social and health services may contract with  
23 a community-based nonprofit organization to establish a three-step  
24 transitional treatment program for gang and drug-involved juvenile  
25 offenders committed to the custody of the department under chapter  
26 13.40 RCW. Any such program shall provide six to twenty-four months of  
27 treatment. The program shall emphasize the principles of self-

1 determination, unity, collective work and responsibility, cooperative  
2 economics, and creativity. The program shall be culturally relevant  
3 and appropriate and shall include:

4 (a) A culturally relevant and appropriate institution-based program  
5 that provides comprehensive drug and alcohol services, individual and  
6 family counseling, and a wilderness experience of constructive group  
7 living, rigorous physical exercise, and academic studies;

8 (b) A culturally relevant and appropriate community-based  
9 structured group living program that focuses on individual goals,  
10 positive community involvement, coordinated drug and alcohol treatment,  
11 coordinated individual and family counseling, academic and vocational  
12 training, and employment in apprenticeship, internship, and  
13 entrepreneurial programs; and

14 (c) A culturally relevant and appropriate transitional group living  
15 program that provides support services, academic services, and  
16 coordinated individual and family counseling.

17 (2) Participation in any such program shall be on a voluntary  
18 basis.

19 (3) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement any  
20 such program.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The department of social and health  
22 services may contract with an independent research organization to  
23 conduct an evaluation of any program that is established under section  
24 4 of this act. The evaluation shall include an analysis of the race  
25 and ethnicity of juvenile offenders served, the offenses for which the  
26 youths were committed, the services provided, the effects of the  
27 program on educational and vocational achievement, and the rate of  
28 recidivism for these youth.

1 (2) Any organization selected shall provide a preliminary report on  
2 the program to appropriate standing committees of the senate and house  
3 of representatives by September 15, 1992. Any final report shall be  
4 submitted to appropriate standing committees of the senate and house of  
5 representatives by January 15, 1993.

6 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.34.030 and 1988 c 176 s 901 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 For purposes of this chapter:

9 (1) "Child" and "juvenile" means any individual under the age of  
10 eighteen years;

11 (2) "Dependent child" means any child:

12 (a) Who has been abandoned; that is, where the child's parent,  
13 guardian, or other custodian has evidenced either by statement or  
14 conduct, a settled intent to forego, for an extended period, all  
15 parental rights or all parental responsibilities despite an ability to  
16 do so;

17 (b) Who is abused or neglected as defined in chapter 26.44 RCW by  
18 a person legally responsible for the care of the child;

19 (c) Who has no parent, guardian, or custodian capable of adequately  
20 caring for the child, such that the child is in circumstances which  
21 constitute a danger of substantial damage to the child's psychological  
22 or physical development; or

23 (d) Who has a developmental disability, as defined in RCW  
24 71A.10.020 and whose parent, guardian, or legal custodian together with  
25 the department determines that services appropriate to the child's  
26 needs can not be provided in the home. However, (a), (b), and (c) of  
27 this subsection may still be applied if other reasons for removal of  
28 the child from the home exist.

1       (3) "Permanency planning" means the process by which a child is  
2 diagnostically assessed and provided treatment services based on his or  
3 her unique individual and developmental needs to facilitate the  
4 attainment of successful maturity as an adult. Permanency planning  
5 should occur in the least restrictive setting appropriate and available  
6 and with minimum placement disruption.

7       (4) "Transitional living programs" means programs that provide  
8 shelter and services designed to promote transition to self-sufficient  
9 living, development of independent living skills, and to minimize the  
10 incidence of long-term dependency on social services.

11       NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.       Out-of-home placement services become  
12 necessary whenever voluntary or court-ordered out-of-home placement of  
13 a child is imminent or has already occurred. In striving to meet the  
14 objective of permanency for every child, a continuum of services must  
15 encompass the full range of possible alternatives. A variety of  
16 services are available to prevent out-of-home placement or address the  
17 needs of the child and family when out-of-home placement becomes  
18 necessary, however, the continuum of care is severely lacking in  
19 providing transitional living services for older youth.

20       NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22       The department of social and health services shall contract, using  
23 the request for proposal process, with independent qualified agencies  
24 to provide transitional living services to minors.

25       Persons sixteen to eighteen years old or sixteen years old until  
26 emancipation are eligible for transitional living services. The  
27 population eligible for transitional living services are those for whom  
28 returning to their parents' or guardians' home is not possible and for

1 whom foster care or adoption is not likely or appropriate. An  
2 assessment shall be done of each minor, including the minor's family  
3 situation, before receiving transitional living services. The  
4 assessment shall include input from the agency that would be providing  
5 the transitional living services to the minor, the agency currently  
6 providing services to the minor, and the caseworker for the minor. The  
7 assessment shall seek to determine whether the most appropriate plan  
8 for the minor is preparation for emancipation. The assessment shall  
9 also determine whether the minor is motivated to participate in a  
10 transitional living program that requires significant commitment from  
11 the minor. A primary goal of transitional living services shall be the  
12 acquisition by the youth of basic educational and/or vocational skills  
13 that are compatible with the individual's treatment plan. If a youth  
14 demonstrates a consistent unwillingness to participate in the  
15 acquisition of such skills, a reassessment shall be done of the youth's  
16 appropriateness for the program.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 Transitional living services should be tailored to meet the needs  
20 of the particular minor. A transitional living program should include,  
21 but is not limited to, the following:

22 (1) Educational services, including basic literacy and  
23 computational skills training, either in local alternative or public  
24 high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to  
25 obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

26 (2) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational  
27 training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and  
28 placement programs;

29 (3) Health services including pre and post-natal care;



1 (4) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money  
2 management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care,  
3 access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;

4 (5) Individual and group counseling with emphasis on issues of  
5 avoiding abuse, sexual abuse, prostitution, drug and alcohol abuse,  
6 depression, motivation, self-esteem, and interpersonal and social  
7 skills training and development;

8 (6) Recognizing and facilitating long-term relationships with  
9 significant adults; and

10 (7) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local  
11 organizations such as the department of labor, employment and training  
12 administration programs including the job training partnership act  
13 which administers private industry councils and the job corps;  
14 vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
16 sections 6 through 9 of this act, referencing this act by bill and  
17 section number, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus  
18 appropriations act, sections 6 through 9 of this act shall be null and  
19 void.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The legislature intends to encourage the  
21 development of community-based interagency collaborative efforts to  
22 plan for and provide mental health services to children in a manner  
23 that coordinates existing categorical children's mental health programs  
24 and funding, is sensitive to the unique cultural circumstances of  
25 children of color, eliminates duplicative case management, and to the  
26 greatest extent possible, blends categorical funding to offer more  
27 service options to each child.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**        Unless the context clearly requires  
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
3 chapter.

4        (1) "Agency" means a state or local governmental entity or a  
5 private not-for-profit organization.

6        (2) "Child" means a person under eighteen years of age, except as  
7 expressly provided otherwise in federal law.

8        (3) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners or  
9 county executive.

10       (4) "Department" means the department of social and health  
11 services.

12       (5) "Early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment" means the  
13 component of the federal medicaid program established pursuant to 42  
14 U.S.C. Sec. 1396d(r), as amended.

15       (6) "Regional support network" means a county authority or group of  
16 county authorities that have entered into contracts with the secretary  
17 pursuant to chapter 71.24 RCW.

18       (7) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

19       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**        (1) The office of financial management  
20 shall provide the following information to the appropriate committees  
21 of the legislature on or before December 1, 1991, and update such  
22 information biennially thereafter:

23       (a) An inventory of state and federally funded programs providing  
24 mental health services to children in Washington state. For purposes  
25 of the inventory, "children's mental health services" shall be broadly  
26 construed to include services related to children's mental health  
27 provided through education, children and family services, juvenile  
28 justice, mental health, health care, alcohol and substance abuse, and  
29 developmental disabilities programs, such as: The primary intervention

1 program; treatment foster care; the fair start program; therapeutic  
2 child care and day treatment for children in the child protective  
3 services system, as provided in RCW 74.14B.040; family reconciliation  
4 services counseling, as provided in chapter 13.32A RCW; the community  
5 mental health services act, as provided in chapter 71.24 RCW; mental  
6 health services for minors, as provided in chapter 71.34 RCW; mental  
7 health services provided by the medical assistance program, limited  
8 casualty program for the medically needy and children's health program,  
9 as provided in chapter 74.09 RCW; counseling for delinquent children,  
10 as provided in RCW 72.05.170; mental health service provided by child  
11 welfare services, as provided in chapter 74.13 RCW; and services to  
12 emotionally disturbed and mentally ill children, as provided in chapter  
13 74.14A RCW.

14 (b) For each program or service inventoried pursuant to (a) of this  
15 subsection:

16 (i) Statutory authority;

17 (ii) Level and source of funding state-wide and for each county and  
18 school district in the state during the biennium ending June 30, 1991,  
19 to the extent such information is available;

20 (iii) Agency administering the service state-wide and description  
21 of how administration and service delivery are organized and provided  
22 at the regional and local level;

23 (iv) Programmatic or financial eligibility criteria;

24 (v) Characteristics of, and number of children served state-wide  
25 and in each county and school district during the biennium ending June  
26 30, 1991, to the extent such information is available;

27 (vi) Number of children of color served, by race and nationality,  
28 and number and type of minority mental health providers, by race and  
29 nationality, in each regional support network area, to the extent such  
30 information is available; and

1 (vii) Statutory changes necessary to remove categorical  
2 restrictions in the program or service, including federal statutory or  
3 regulatory changes.

4 (2) The office of financial management, in consultation with the  
5 department, shall develop a plan and criteria for the use of early  
6 periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services related to mental  
7 health that includes at least the following components:

8 (a) Criteria for screening and assessment of mental illness and  
9 emotional disturbance;

10 (b) Criteria for determining the appropriate level of medically  
11 necessary services a child receives, including but not limited to  
12 development of a multidisciplinary plan of care when appropriate, and  
13 prior authorization for receipt of mental health services;

14 (c) Qualifications for children's mental health providers;

15 (d) Other cost control mechanisms, such as managed care  
16 arrangements and prospective or capitated payments for mental health  
17 services; and

18 (e) Mechanisms to ensure that federal medicaid matching funds are  
19 obtained for services inventoried pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
20 section, to the greatest extent practicable.

21 In developing the plan, the office of financial management shall  
22 provide an opportunity for comment by the major child-serving systems  
23 and regional support networks. The plan shall be submitted to  
24 appropriate committees of the legislature on or before December 1,  
25 1991.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) On or before January 1, 1992, each  
27 regional support network, or county authority in counties that have not  
28 established a regional support network, shall initiate a local planning  
29 effort to develop a children's mental health services delivery system.

1 (2) Representatives of the following agencies or organizations and  
2 the following individuals shall participate in the local planning  
3 effort:

4 (a) Representatives of the department of social and health services  
5 in the following program areas: Children and family services, medical  
6 care, mental health, juvenile rehabilitation, alcohol and substance  
7 abuse, and developmental disabilities;

8 (b) The juvenile courts;

9 (c) The public health department or health district;

10 (d) The school districts;

11 (e) The educational service district serving schools in the county;

12 (f) Head start or early childhood education and assistance  
13 programs;

14 (g) Community action agencies; and

15 (h) Children's services providers, including minority mental health  
16 providers.

17 (3) Parents of children in need of mental health services and  
18 parents of children of color shall be invited to participate in the  
19 local planning effort.

20 (4) The following information shall be developed through the local  
21 planning effort and submitted to the secretary:

22 (a) A supplement to the county's January 1, 1991, children's mental  
23 health services report prepared pursuant to RCW 71.24.049 to include  
24 the following data:

25 (i) The number of children in need of mental health services in the  
26 county or counties covered by the local planning effort, including  
27 children in school and children receiving services through the  
28 department of social and health services division of children and  
29 family services, division of developmental disabilities, division of

1 alcohol and substance abuse, and division of juvenile rehabilitation,  
2 grouped by severity of their mental illness;

3 (ii) The number of such children that are underserved or unserved  
4 and the types of services needed by such children; and

5 (iii) The supply of children's mental health specialists in the  
6 county or counties covered by the local planning effort.

7 (b) A children's mental health services delivery plan that includes  
8 a description of the following:

9 (i) Children that will be served, giving consideration to children  
10 who are at significant risk of experiencing mental illness, as well as  
11 those already experiencing mental illness;

12 (ii) How appropriate services needed by children served through the  
13 plan will be identified and provided, including prevention and  
14 identification services;

15 (iii) How a lead case manager for each child will be identified;

16 (iv) How funding for existing services will be coordinated to  
17 create more flexibility in meeting children's needs. Such funding  
18 shall include the services and programs inventoried pursuant to section  
19 13(1) of this act;

20 (v) How the children's mental health delivery system will  
21 incorporate the elements of the early periodic screening, diagnosis,  
22 and treatment services plan developed pursuant to section 13(2) of this  
23 act; and

24 (vi) How the children's mental health delivery system will  
25 coordinate with the regional support network information system  
26 developed pursuant to RCW 71.24.035(5)(g).

27 (5) In developing the children's mental health services delivery  
28 plan, every effort shall be made to reduce duplication in service  
29 delivery and promote complementary services among all entities that  
30 provide children's services related to mental health.

1 (6) The children's mental health services delivery plan shall  
2 address the needs of children of color through at least the following  
3 mechanisms:

4 (a) Outreach initiatives, services, and modes of service delivery  
5 that meet the unique needs of children of color; and

6 (b) Services to children of color that are culturally relevant and  
7 acceptable, as well as linguistically accessible.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 Any client of the department, individual complainant, or foster  
11 parent who exhausts the department's complaint resolution process and  
12 who is subjected to any reprisal or retaliatory action undertaken after  
13 the complainant makes his or her complaint known to the department may  
14 seek judicial review of the reprisal or retaliatory action in superior  
15 court. In such action, the reviewing court may award reasonable  
16 attorneys' fees or make written findings that the action was frivolous  
17 and advanced without reasonable cause and award expenses as specified  
18 in RCW 4.84.185.

19 **Sec. 16.** RCW 74.13.300 and 1990 c 284 s 12 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) Whenever a child has been placed in a foster family home or the  
22 home of a relative care provider by the department or a child-placing  
23 agency and the child has thereafter resided in the home for at least  
24 ninety consecutive days, the department or child-placing agency shall  
25 notify the foster family in writing of the reasons upon which the  
26 decision to move the child was based, at least five days prior to  
27 moving the child to another placement, unless:

1 (a) A court order has been entered requiring an immediate change in  
2 placement; or

3 ~~(b) ((The child is being returned home;~~

4 ~~(c))) The child's safety is in jeopardy((; or~~

5 ~~(d) The child is residing in a receiving home or a group home)).~~

6 (2) If a decision is made by the department or a child-placing  
7 agency to move a child to another placement, the foster family parent  
8 or relative care provider shall receive written notice of his or her  
9 right to request a review of the removal decision regarding a child  
10 that is residing in the home of the foster parent or relative pursuant  
11 to a court order entered in a proceeding under this chapter through the  
12 department's complaint resolution process. Notification of the  
13 department's complaint resolution process is not required to be  
14 provided if:

15 (a) A court order has been entered requiring an immediate change in  
16 placement; or

17 (b) The child is being returned home and a court order has been  
18 entered to that effect.

19 (3) If the child has resided in a foster family home for less than  
20 ninety days or if, due to one or more of the circumstances in  
21 subsection (1) of this section, it is not possible to give five days'  
22 notification, the department or child-placing agency shall notify the  
23 foster family of proposed placement changes as soon as reasonably  
24 possible.

25 ~~((+3))~~ (4) This section is intended solely to assist in minimizing  
26 disruption to the child in changing foster care placements. Nothing in  
27 this section shall be construed to ~~((require that a court hearing be~~  
28 ~~held prior to changing a child's foster care placement nor to)) create  
29 any substantive custody rights in the foster parents.~~



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 17.**        Part headings used in this act do not  
2 constitute any part of the law.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 18.**        Sections 11 through 14 of this act shall  
4 constitute a new chapter in Title 71 RCW.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 19.**        If any provision of this act or its  
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
7 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
8 persons or circumstances is not affected.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 20.**        Sections 11 through 14 of this act are  
10 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
11 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public  
12 institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 21.**        If specific funding for the purposes of  
14 section 13 of this act, referencing section 13 of this act by bill and  
15 section number, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus  
16 appropriations act, then section 13 of this act shall be null and void.

17        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 22.**        If specific funding for the purposes of  
18 section 14 of this act, referencing section 14 of this act by bill and  
19 section number, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus  
20 appropriations act, then section 14 of this act shall be null and void.