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1 AN ACT Relating to community public health and safety networks; and  
2 amending RCW 70.190.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.060 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 303 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature intends to create community public health and  
7 safety networks to reconnect parents and other citizens with children,  
8 youth, families, and community institutions which support health and  
9 safety. The networks should empower parents and other citizens by  
10 being a means of expressing their attitudes, spirit, and perspectives  
11 regarding safe and healthy family and community life. The legislature  
12 intends that parent and other citizen perspectives exercise a  
13 controlling influence over policy and program operations of  
14 professional organizations concerned with children and family issues  
15 within networks in a manner consistent with the Constitution and state  
16 law. It is not the intent of the legislature that health, social  
17 service, or educational professionals dominate community public health  
18 and safety network processes or programs, but rather that these  
19 professionals use their skills to lend support to parents and other

1 citizens in expressing their values as parents and other citizens  
2 identify community needs and establish community priorities. To this  
3 end, the legislature intends full participation of parents and other  
4 citizens in community public health and safety networks. The intent is  
5 that local community values are reflected in the operations of the  
6 network.

7 (2) A group of persons described in subsection (3) of this section  
8 may apply (~~by December 1, 1994,~~) to be a community public health and  
9 safety network.

10 (3) Each community public health and safety network shall be  
11 composed of (~~twenty-three~~) twenty-four people, thirteen of whom shall  
12 be citizens with no direct fiduciary interest in health, education,  
13 social service, or justice system organizations operating within the  
14 network area. In selecting these members, first priority shall be  
15 given to members of community mobilization advisory boards, city or  
16 county children's services commissions, human services advisory boards,  
17 or other such organizations which may exist within the network. The  
18 thirteen persons shall be selected as follows: Three by the chambers  
19 of commerce located in the network, three by school board members of  
20 the school districts within the network boundary, three by the county  
21 legislative authorities of the counties within the network boundary,  
22 three by the city legislative authorities of the cities within the  
23 network boundary, and one high school student, selected by student  
24 organizations within the network boundary. The remaining (~~ten~~)  
25 eleven members shall include local representation from the following  
26 groups and entities: Cities, counties, federally recognized Indian  
27 tribes, public schools, parks and recreation programs, law enforcement  
28 agencies, superior court judges, state children's service workers from  
29 within the network area, employment assistance workers from within the  
30 network area, private social, educational, or health service providers  
31 from within the network area, and broad-based nonsecular organizations.

32 (4) A list of the network members shall be submitted to the council  
33 by December 1, 1994, by the network chair who shall be selected by  
34 network members at their first meeting. The list shall become final  
35 unless the council chooses other members within twenty days after the  
36 list is submitted. The council shall accept the list unless he or she  
37 believes the proposed list does not adequately represent all parties  
38 identified in subsection (3) of this section or a member has a conflict

1 of interest between his or her membership and his or her livelihood.  
2 Members of the community network shall serve terms of three years.

3 The terms of the initial members of each network shall be as  
4 follows: (a) One-third shall serve for one year; (b) one-third shall  
5 serve for two years; and (c) one-third shall serve for three years.  
6 Initial members may agree which shall serve fewer than three years or  
7 the decision may be made by lot. The same process shall be used in the  
8 selection of the chair and members for subsequent terms. Any vacancy  
9 occurring during the term may be filled by the chair for the balance of  
10 the unexpired term.

11 (5) The network shall select a public entity as the lead fiscal  
12 agency for the network. The lead agency may contract with a public or  
13 private entity to perform other administrative duties required by the  
14 state. In making the selection, the network shall consider: (a)  
15 Experience in administering prevention and intervention programs; (b)  
16 the relative geographical size of the network and its members; (c)  
17 budgeting and fiscal capacity; and (d) how diverse a population each  
18 entity represents.

19 (6) Network meetings are subject to the open public meetings act  
20 under chapter 42.30 RCW.

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