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By Senators Pelz and Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring community networks to emphasize youth  
2 job training and employment; and amending RCW 70.190.050, 70.190.070,  
3 70.190.080, and 43.41.195.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 207 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct  
8 or contract for monitoring and tracking of the implementation of  
9 chapter 7, Laws of 1994 sp. sess. to determine whether these efforts  
10 result in a measurable reduction of violence. The institute shall also  
11 conduct or contract for an evaluation of the effectiveness of the  
12 community public health and safety networks in reducing the rate of at-  
13 risk youth through reducing risk factors ((and)), increasing protective  
14 factors, and increasing youth job readiness and employment  
15 opportunities. The evaluation plan shall result in statistically valid  
16 evaluation at both state-wide and community levels. The evaluation  
17 plan shall be submitted to the governor and appropriate legislative  
18 committees by July 1, 1995.

1 (2) Starting five years after the initial grant to a community  
2 network, if the community network fails to meet the outcome standards  
3 and goals in any two consecutive years, the institute shall make  
4 recommendations to the legislature concerning whether the funds  
5 received by that community network should revert back to the  
6 originating agency. In making this determination, the institute shall  
7 consider the adequacy of the level of intervention relative to the risk  
8 factors in the community and any external events having a significant  
9 impact on risk factors or outcomes.

10 (3) ~~The outcomes required under this chapter ((and)), and the~~  
11 outcome evaluation of the community networks, shall be based on, but  
12 not limited to, social development standards and measures established  
13 by the department of health under RCW 43.70.555 ((shall be used in  
14 conducting the outcome evaluation of the community networks)).

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.190.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 304 are each amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 The community public health and safety networks shall:

18 (1) Review state and local public health data and analysis relating  
19 to risk factors, protective factors, and at-risk children and youth;

20 (2) Prioritize the risk factors and protective factors to reduce  
21 the likelihood of their children and youth being at risk. The  
22 priorities shall be based upon public health data and assessment and  
23 policy development standards provided by the department of health under  
24 RCW 43.70.555;

25 (3) Develop long-term comprehensive plans to reduce the rate of at-  
26 risk children and youth; ~~((set))~~ and increase the job readiness and  
27 employment opportunities for at-risk youth. The plans shall include  
28 definitive, measurable goals, based ((upon)) on relevant factors,  
29 including, but not limited to, the department of health standards; and  
30 ~~((project their desired))~~ projected outcomes;

31 (4) ~~((Distribute funds to local programs that reflect the locally~~  
32 ~~established priorities and as provided in RCW 70.190.140;))~~ Distribute  
33 (a) funds to local programs that reflect the locally established  
34 priorities; and (b) twenty-five percent of available funds for programs  
35 provided for under RCW 70.190.080(3);

36 (5) Comply with outcome-based standards;

37 (6) Cooperate with the department of health and local boards of  
38 health to provide data and determine outcomes; and

1 (7) Coordinate its efforts with anti-drug use efforts and  
2 organizations and maintain a high priority for combatting drug use by  
3 at-risk youth.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.190.080 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 305 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The community network's plan may include a program to provide  
7 postsecondary scholarships to at-risk students who: (a) Are community  
8 role models under criteria established by the community network; (b)  
9 successfully complete high school; and (c) maintain at least a 2.5  
10 grade point average throughout high school. Funding for the  
11 scholarships may include public and private sources.

12 (2) The community network's plan may also include funding of  
13 community-based home visitor programs which are designed to reduce the  
14 incidence of child abuse and neglect ((with-[within])) within the  
15 network. Parents shall sign a voluntary authorization for services,  
16 which may be withdrawn at any time. The program may provide parents  
17 with education and support either in parents' homes or in other  
18 locations comfortable for parents, beginning with the birth of their  
19 first baby. The program may make the following services available to  
20 the families:

21 (a) Visits for all expectant or new parents, either at the parent's  
22 home or another location with which the parent is comfortable;

23 (b) Screening before or soon after the birth of a child to assess  
24 the family's strengths and goals and define areas of concern in  
25 consultation with the family;

26 (c) Parenting education and skills development;

27 (d) Parenting and family support information and referral;

28 (e) Parent support groups; and

29 (f) Service coordination for individual families, and assistance  
30 with accessing services, provided in a manner that ensures that  
31 individual families have only one individual or agency to which they  
32 look for service coordination. Where appropriate for a family, service  
33 coordination may be conducted through interdisciplinary or interagency  
34 teams.

35 These programs are intended to be voluntary for the parents  
36 involved.

37 (3) The community network ((may)) shall include funding of:

1 (a) At-risk youth job placement and training programs. The  
2 programs shall:

3 (i) Identify and recruit at-risk youth for local job opportunities;

4 (ii) Provide skills and needs assessments for each youth recruited;

5 (iii) Provide career and occupational counseling to each youth  
6 recruited;

7 (iv) Identify businesses willing to provide employment and training  
8 opportunities for at-risk youth;

9 (v) Match each youth recruited with a business that meets his or  
10 her skills and training needs;

11 (vi) Provide employment and training opportunities that prepare the  
12 individual for demand occupations; and

13 (vii) Include, to the extent possible, collaboration of business,  
14 labor, education and training, community organizations, and local  
15 government;

16 (b) Employment assistance, including job development, school-to-  
17 work placement, employment readiness training, basic skills,  
18 apprenticeships, job mentoring, and private sector and community  
19 service employment;

20 (c) Education assistance, including tutoring, mentoring,  
21 interactions with role models, entrepreneurial education and projects,  
22 violence prevention training, safe school strategies, and employment  
23 reentry assistance services(~~(+)~~).

24 (~~(+d)~~) (4) The community network may include funding of:

25 (a) Peer-to-peer, group, and individual counseling, including  
26 crisis intervention, for at-risk youth and their parents;

27 (~~(+e)~~) (b) Youth coalitions that provide opportunities to develop  
28 leadership skills and gain appropriate respect, recognition, and  
29 rewards for their positive contribution to their community;

30 (~~(+f)~~) (c) Technical assistance to applicants to increase their  
31 organizational capacity and to improve the likelihood of a successful  
32 application; and

33 (~~(+g)~~) (d) Technical assistance and training resources to  
34 successful applicants.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.41.195 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 319 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) The office of financial management, in consultation with  
38 affected parties, shall establish a fund distribution formula for

1 determining allocations to the community networks authorized under RCW  
2 70.190.130. The formula shall reflect the local needs assessment for  
3 at-risk children and consider:

4 (a) The number of arrests and convictions for juvenile violent  
5 offenses;

6 (b) The number of arrests and convictions for crimes relating to  
7 juvenile drug offenses and alcohol-related offenses;

8 (c) The number of teen pregnancies and parents;

9 (d) The number of child and teenage suicides and attempted  
10 suicides; and

11 (e) The high school graduation rate.

12 (2) In developing the formula, the office of financial management  
13 shall reserve five percent of the funds for the purpose of rewarding  
14 community networks.

15 (3) The reserve fund shall be used by the council to reward  
16 community networks that show exceptional reductions in: State-funded  
17 out-of-home placements, violent criminal acts by juveniles, substance  
18 abuse, teen pregnancy and male parentage, teen suicide attempts, youth  
19 unemployment, or school dropout rates.

20 (4) The office of financial management shall submit the  
21 distribution formula to the family policy council and to the  
22 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 20, 1994.

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