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By Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "PART 1

4 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING CREATED

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** (1) The legislature recognizes that:

6 (a) Parents are their children's first and most important teachers
7 and decision makers;

8 (b) Research across disciplines now demonstrates that what happens
9 in the earliest years makes a critical difference in children's
10 readiness to succeed in school and life;

11 (c) Washington's competitiveness in the global economy requires a
12 world-class education system that starts early and supports life-long
13 learning;

14 (d) Washington state currently makes substantial investments in
15 voluntary child care and early learning services and supports, but
16 because services are fragmented across multiple state agencies, and
17 early learning providers lack the supports and incentives needed to
18 improve the quality of services they provide, many parents have
19 difficulty accessing high quality early learning services;

20 (e) A more cohesive and integrated voluntary early learning system
21 would result in greater efficiencies for the state, increased
22 partnership between the state and the private sector, improved access
23 to high quality early learning services, and better employment and
24 early learning outcomes for families and all children.

25 (2) The legislature finds that the early years of a child's life
26 are critical to the child's healthy brain development and that the
27 quality of caregiving during the early years can significantly impact
28 the child's intellectual, social, and emotional development.

29 (3) The purpose of this chapter is:

1 (a) To establish the department of early learning;

2 (b) To coordinate and consolidate state activities relating to
3 child care and early learning programs;

4 (c) To safeguard and promote the health, safety, and well-being of
5 children receiving child care and early learning assistance;

6 (d) To promote linkages and alignment between early learning
7 programs and elementary schools and support the transition of children
8 and families from prekindergarten environments to kindergarten;

9 (e) To promote the development of a sufficient number and variety
10 of adequate child care and early learning facilities, both public and
11 private; and

12 (f) To license agencies and to assure the users of such agencies,
13 their parents, the community at large and the agencies themselves that
14 adequate minimum standards are maintained by all child care and early
15 learning facilities.

16 (4) This chapter does not expand the state's authority to license
17 or regulate activities or programs beyond those licensed or regulated
18 under existing law.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** The definitions in this section apply
20 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

21 (1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association,
22 corporation, or facility that provides child care and early learning
23 services outside a child's own home and includes the following
24 irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency:

25 (a) "Child day care center" means an agency that regularly provides
26 child day care and early learning services for a group of children for
27 periods of less than twenty-four hours;

28 (b) "Early learning" includes but is not limited to programs and
29 services for child care; state, federal, private, and nonprofit
30 preschool; child care subsidies; child care resource and referral;
31 parental education and support; and training and professional
32 development for early learning professionals;

33 (c) "Family day care provider" means a child day care provider who
34 regularly provides child day care and early learning services for not
35 more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living
36 quarters;

1 (d) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community
2 facility.

3 (2) "Agency" does not include the following:

4 (a) Persons related to the child in the following ways:

5 (i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and
6 including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding
7 generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;

8 (ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;

9 (iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as
10 well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons,
11 and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state
12 law; or

13 (iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this
14 subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated;

15 (b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child;

16 (c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or
17 children, with or without compensation, where the person providing care
18 for periods of less than twenty-four hours does not conduct such
19 activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the purpose of
20 engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to,
21 advertising such care;

22 (d) Parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one
23 another's children;

24 (e) Nursery schools or kindergartens that are engaged primarily in
25 educational work with preschool children and in which no child is
26 enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;

27 (f) Schools, including boarding schools, that are engaged primarily
28 in education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a
29 stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children, and do not
30 accept custody of children;

31 (g) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged
32 primarily in recreational or educational activities;

33 (h) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less than
34 twenty-four hours whose parents remain on the premises to participate
35 in activities other than employment;

36 (i) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years
37 before June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or assistance

1 from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part by an
2 endowment or trust fund;

3 (j) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal
4 government or an agency, located within the boundaries of a federally
5 recognized Indian reservation, licensed by the Indian tribe;

6 (k) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except
7 where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to
8 the licensing requirements of this chapter;

9 (l) An agency that offers early learning and support services, such
10 as parent education, and does not provide child care services on a
11 regular basis.

12 (3) "Department" means the department of early learning.

13 (4) "Director" means the director of the department.

14 (5) "Enforcement action" means denial, suspension, revocation,
15 modification, or nonrenewal of a license pursuant to section 311(1) of
16 this act or assessment of civil monetary penalties pursuant to section
17 311(3) of this act.

18 (6) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary
19 measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but
20 is out of compliance with licensing standards.

21 (7) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care
22 to be maintained by an agency.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103.** (1) The department of early learning is
24 created as an executive branch agency. The department is vested with
25 all powers and duties transferred to it under this chapter and such
26 other powers and duties as may be authorized by law.

27 (2) The primary duties of the department are to implement state
28 early learning policy and to coordinate, consolidate, and integrate
29 child care and early learning programs in order to administer programs
30 and funding as efficiently as possible. The department's duties
31 include, but are not limited to, the following:

32 (a) To support both public and private sectors toward a
33 comprehensive and collaborative system of early learning that serves
34 parents, children, and providers and to encourage best practices in
35 child care and early learning programs;

36 (b) To improve parent education and support;

1 (c) To carry out activities to improve the quality of early
2 learning opportunities for young children including activities in
3 cooperation with the private-public partnership;

4 (d) To administer child care and early learning programs;

5 (e) To standardize internal financial audits, oversight visits,
6 performance benchmarks, and licensing criteria, so that programs can
7 function in an integrated fashion;

8 (f) To assist in the implementation of the private-public
9 partnership and cooperate with that partnership in pursuing its goals
10 including providing data and support necessary for the successful work
11 of the partnership;

12 (g) To work cooperatively and in coordination with the early
13 learning council; and

14 (h) To collaborate with the K-12 school system at the state and
15 local levels to ensure appropriate connections and smooth transitions
16 between early learning and K-12 programs.

17 (3) The department's programs shall be designed in a way that
18 respects and preserves the ability of parents and legal guardians to
19 direct the education, development, and upbringing of their children.
20 The department shall include parents and legal guardians in the
21 development of policies and program decisions affecting their children.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 104.** (1) The executive head and appointing
23 authority of the department is the director. The director shall be
24 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and shall
25 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall solicit
26 input from all parties involved in the private-public partnership
27 concerning this appointment. The director shall be paid a salary to be
28 fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040. If a vacancy
29 occurs in the position of director while the senate is not in session,
30 the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting
31 of the senate when the governor's nomination for the office of director
32 shall be presented.

33 (2) The director may employ staff members, who shall be exempt from
34 chapter 41.06 RCW, and any additional staff members as are necessary to
35 administer this chapter. The director may delegate any power or duty
36 vested in him or her by this chapter, including authority to make final

1 decisions and enter final orders in hearings conducted under chapter
2 34.05 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** It is the intent of the legislature
4 wherever possible to place the internal affairs of the department under
5 the control of the director in order that the director may institute
6 therein the flexible, alert, and intelligent management of its business
7 that changing contemporary circumstances require. Therefore, whenever
8 the director's authority is not specifically limited by law, the
9 director has complete charge and supervisory powers over the
10 department. The director may create such administrative structures as
11 the director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by
12 law. The director may employ such assistants and personnel as
13 necessary for the general administration of the department. This
14 employment shall be in accordance with the state civil service law,
15 chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** The director may appoint such advisory
17 committees or councils as may be required by any federal legislation as
18 a condition to the receipt of federal funds by the department. The
19 director may also appoint statewide committees or councils on such
20 subject matters as are or come within the department's
21 responsibilities. The committees or councils shall be constituted as
22 required by federal law or as the director may determine.

23 Members of such state advisory committees or councils may be paid
24 their travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** In furtherance of the policy of the state
26 to cooperate with the federal government in all of the programs under
27 the jurisdiction of the department, such rules as may become necessary
28 to entitle the state to participate in federal funds may be adopted,
29 unless expressly prohibited by law. Any internal reorganization
30 carried out under the terms of this chapter shall meet federal
31 requirements that are a necessary condition to state receipt of federal
32 funds. Any section or provision of law dealing with the department
33 that may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be
34 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to comply with

1 federal laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the
2 various programs of the department.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 108.** (1) In addition to other duties under this
4 chapter, the director shall actively participate in a nongovernmental
5 private-public partnership focused on supporting government's
6 investments in early learning and ensuring that every child in the
7 state is prepared to succeed in school and in life. Except for
8 licensing as required by Washington state law and to the extent
9 permitted by federal law, the director of the department of early
10 learning shall grant waivers from the rules of state agencies for the
11 operation of early learning programs requested by the nongovernmental
12 private-public partnership to allow for flexibility to pursue market-
13 based approaches to achieving the best outcomes for children and
14 families.

15 (2) In addition to other powers granted to the director, the
16 director may:

17 (a) Enter into contracts on behalf of the department to carry out
18 the purposes of this chapter;

19 (b) Accept gifts, grants, or other funds for the purposes of this
20 chapter; and

21 (c) Adopt, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, rules necessary to
22 implement this chapter, including rules governing child day care and
23 early learning programs under this chapter. This section does not
24 expand the rule-making authority of the director beyond that necessary
25 to implement and administer programs and services existing July 1,
26 2006, as transferred to the department of early learning under section
27 501 of this act. The rule-making authority does not include any
28 authority to set mandatory curriculum or establish what must be taught
29 in child day care centers or by family day care providers.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 109.** Two years after the implementation of the
31 department's early learning program, and every two years thereafter by
32 July 1st, the department shall submit to the governor and the
33 legislature a report measuring the effectiveness of its programs in
34 improving early childhood education. The first report shall include
35 program objectives and identified valid performance measures for
36 evaluating progress toward achieving the objectives, as well as a plan

1 for commissioning a longitudinal study comparing the kindergarten
2 readiness of children participating in the department's programs with
3 the readiness of other children, using nationally accepted testing and
4 assessment methods. Such comparison shall include, but not be limited
5 to, achievement as children of both groups progress through the K-12
6 system and identify year-to-year changes in achievement, if any, in
7 later years of elementary, middle school, and high school education.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 110.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions
11 of this chapter shall not apply in the department of early learning to
12 the director, the director's personal secretary, and any other exempt
13 staff members provided for in section 104(2) of this act.

14 **Sec. 111.** RCW 43.17.010 and 2005 c 333 s 10 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 There shall be departments of the state government which shall be
17 known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the
18 department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4)
19 the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fish and wildlife,
20 (6) the department of transportation, (7) the department of licensing,
21 (8) the department of general administration, (9) the department of
22 community, trade, and economic development, (10) the department of
23 veterans affairs, (11) the department of revenue, (12) the department
24 of retirement systems, (13) the department of corrections, (14) the
25 department of health, (15) the department of financial institutions,
26 (~~and~~) (16) the department of archaeology and historic preservation,
27 and (17) the department of early learning, which shall be charged with
28 the execution, enforcement, and administration of such laws, and
29 invested with such powers and required to perform such duties, as the
30 legislature may provide.

31 **Sec. 112.** RCW 43.17.020 and 2005 c 333 s 11 and 2005 c 319 s 2 are
32 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

33 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
34 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the
35 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the

1 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the
2 secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the
3 director of general administration, (9) the director of community,
4 trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs,
5 (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems,
6 (13) the secretary of corrections, (14) the secretary of health, (15)
7 the director of financial institutions, (~~and~~) (16) the director of
8 the department of archaeology and historic preservation, and (17) the
9 director of early learning.

10 Such officers, except the director of fish and wildlife, shall be
11 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold
12 office at the pleasure of the governor. The director of fish and
13 wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife commission as
14 prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

15 **Sec. 113.** RCW 42.17.2401 and 2005 c 424 s 17 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 For the purposes of RCW 42.17.240, the term "executive state
18 officer" includes:

19 (1) The chief administrative law judge, the director of
20 agriculture, the administrator of the Washington basic health plan, the
21 director of the department of services for the blind, the director of
22 the state system of community and technical colleges, the director of
23 community, trade, and economic development, the secretary of
24 corrections, the director of early learning, the director of ecology,
25 the commissioner of employment security, the chair of the energy
26 facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state finance
27 committee, the director of financial management, the director of fish
28 and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices appeals
29 board, the director of the gambling commission, the director of general
30 administration, the secretary of health, the administrator of the
31 Washington state health care authority, the executive secretary of the
32 health care facilities authority, the executive secretary of the higher
33 education facilities authority, the executive secretary of the horse
34 racing commission, the executive secretary of the human rights
35 commission, the executive secretary of the indeterminate sentence
36 review board, the director of the department of information services,
37 the director of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation, the

1 executive director of the state investment board, the director of labor
2 and industries, the director of licensing, the director of the lottery
3 commission, the director of the office of minority and women's business
4 enterprises, the director of parks and recreation, the director of
5 personnel, the executive director of the public disclosure commission,
6 the director of retirement systems, the director of revenue, the
7 secretary of social and health services, the chief of the Washington
8 state patrol, the executive secretary of the board of tax appeals, the
9 secretary of transportation, the secretary of the utilities and
10 transportation commission, the director of veterans affairs, the
11 president of each of the regional and state universities and the
12 president of The Evergreen State College, each district and each campus
13 president of each state community college;

14 (2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;

15 (3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

16 (4) Central Washington University board of trustees, board of
17 trustees of each community college, each member of the state board for
18 community and technical colleges, state convention and trade center
19 board of directors, committee for deferred compensation, Eastern
20 Washington University board of trustees, Washington economic
21 development finance authority, The Evergreen State College board of
22 trustees, executive ethics board, forest practices appeals board,
23 forest practices board, gambling commission, life sciences discovery
24 fund authority board of trustees, Washington health care facilities
25 authority, each member of the Washington health services commission,
26 higher education coordinating board, higher education facilities
27 authority, horse racing commission, state housing finance commission,
28 human rights commission, indeterminate sentence review board, board of
29 industrial insurance appeals, information services board, interagency
30 committee for outdoor recreation, state investment board, commission on
31 judicial conduct, legislative ethics board, liquor control board,
32 lottery commission, marine oversight board, Pacific Northwest electric
33 power and conservation planning council, parks and recreation
34 commission, personnel appeals board, board of pilotage commissioners,
35 pollution control hearings board, public disclosure commission, public
36 pension commission, shorelines hearing board, public employees'
37 benefits board, salmon recovery funding board, board of tax appeals,
38 transportation commission, University of Washington board of regents,

1 utilities and transportation commission, Washington state maritime
2 commission, Washington personnel resources board, Washington public
3 power supply system executive board, Washington State University board
4 of regents, Western Washington University board of trustees, and fish
5 and wildlife commission.

6 **PART 2**

7 **POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED**

8 **Sec. 201.** RCW 41.04.385 and 2005 c 490 s 9 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The legislature finds that (1) demographic, economic, and social
11 trends underlie a critical and increasing demand for child care in the
12 state of Washington; (2) working parents and their children benefit
13 when the employees' child care needs have been resolved; (3) the state
14 of Washington should serve as a model employer by creating a supportive
15 atmosphere, to the extent feasible, in which its employees may meet
16 their child care needs; and (4) the state of Washington should
17 encourage the development of partnerships between state agencies, state
18 employees, state employee labor organizations, and private employers to
19 expand the availability of affordable quality child care. The
20 legislature finds further that resolving employee child care concerns
21 not only benefits the employees and their children, but may benefit the
22 employer by reducing absenteeism, increasing employee productivity,
23 improving morale, and enhancing the employer's position in recruiting
24 and retaining employees. Therefore, the legislature declares that it
25 is the policy of the state of Washington to assist state employees by
26 creating a supportive atmosphere in which they may meet their child
27 care needs. Policies and procedures for state agencies to address
28 employee child care needs will be the responsibility of the director of
29 personnel in consultation with the director of the department of early
30 learning and state employee representatives.

31 **Sec. 202.** RCW 74.13.085 and 1989 c 381 s 2 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 It shall be the policy of the state of Washington to:

34 (1) Recognize the family as the most important social and economic
35 unit of society and support the central role parents play in child

1 rearing. All parents are encouraged to care for and nurture their
2 children through the traditional methods of parental care at home.
3 (~~However, there has been a dramatic increase in participation of women~~
4 ~~in the workforce which has made~~) The availability of quality,
5 affordable child care is a (~~critical~~) concern for (~~the state and its~~
6 ~~citizens. There are not enough child care services and facilities to~~
7 ~~meet the needs of~~) working parents, the costs of care are often beyond
8 the resources of working parents, and child care facilities are not
9 located conveniently to work places and neighborhoods. Parents are
10 encouraged to participate fully in the effort to improve the quality of
11 child care services.

12 (2) Promote a variety of culturally and developmentally appropriate
13 child care settings and services of the highest possible quality in
14 accordance with the basic principle of continuity of care. These
15 settings shall include, but not be limited to, family day care homes,
16 mini-centers, centers and schools.

17 (3) Promote the growth, development and safety of children by
18 working with community groups including providers and parents to
19 establish standards for quality service, training of child care
20 providers, fair and equitable monitoring, and salary levels
21 commensurate with provider responsibilities and support services.

22 (4) Promote equal access to quality, affordable, socio-economically
23 integrated child care for all children and families.

24 (5) Facilitate broad community and private sector involvement in
25 the provision of quality child care services to foster economic
26 development and assist industry through the department of early
27 learning.

28 **Sec. 203.** RCW 74.13.0902 and 1989 c 381 s 6 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 An employer liaison position is established in the department of
31 (~~social and health services to be colocated at the business assistance~~
32 ~~center established under RCW 43.31.083~~) early learning to be colocated
33 with the department of community, trade, and economic development. The
34 employer liaison shall, within appropriated funds:

35 (1) Staff and assist the child care partnership in the
36 implementation of its duties (~~under RCW 74.13.0901~~);

1 (2) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding child care
2 services, working with and through local resource and referral
3 organizations whenever possible. Such technical assistance shall
4 include at a minimum:

5 (a) Assessing the child care needs of employees and prospective
6 employees;

7 (b) Reviewing options available to employers interested in
8 increasing access to child care for their employees;

9 (c) Developing techniques to permit small businesses to increase
10 access to child care for their employees;

11 (d) Reviewing methods of evaluating the impact of child care
12 activities on employers; and

13 (e) Preparing, collecting, and distributing current information for
14 employers on options for increasing involvement in child care; and

15 (3) Provide assistance to local child care resource and referral
16 organizations to increase their capacity to provide quality technical
17 assistance to employers in their community.

18 **Sec. 204.** RCW 74.13.0903 and 2005 c 490 s 10 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 ~~The ((office of child care policy is established to operate under~~
21 ~~the authority of the department of social and health services. The~~
22 ~~duties and responsibilities of the office include, but are not limited~~
23 ~~to, the following, within appropriated funds)) department of early~~
24 ~~learning shall:~~

25 (1) Work in conjunction with the statewide child care resource and
26 referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit organizations,
27 businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child
28 care resource and referral organizations. These organizations may
29 carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training,
30 technical assistance, and parent information and training;

31 (2) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as
32 grants to the statewide child care resource and referral network and to
33 existing or potential local child care resource and referral
34 organizations;

35 (3) Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of
36 grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The

1 rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for
2 achieving the following objectives:

3 (a) Provide parents with information about child care resources,
4 including location of services and subsidies;

5 (b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training
6 programs, including training under RCW 74.25.040;

7 (c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars,
8 toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;

9 (d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply
10 and demand;

11 (e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources
12 devoted to child care;

13 (f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee
14 child care services; and

15 (g) Serve recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and
16 working parents with incomes at or below household incomes of one
17 hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty line;

18 (4) Provide staff support and technical assistance to the statewide
19 child care resource and referral network and local child care resource
20 and referral organizations;

21 (5) Maintain a statewide child care licensing data bank and work
22 with department (~~of social and health services~~) licensors to provide
23 information to local child care resource and referral organizations
24 about licensed child care providers in the state;

25 (6) Through the statewide child care resource and referral network
26 and local resource and referral organizations, compile data about local
27 child care needs and availability for future planning and development;

28 (7) Coordinate with the statewide child care resource and referral
29 network and local child care resource and referral organizations for
30 the provision of training and technical assistance to child care
31 providers; and

32 (8) Collect and assemble information regarding the availability of
33 insurance and of federal and other child care funding to assist state
34 and local agencies, businesses, and other child care providers in
35 offering child care services.

36 **Sec. 205.** RCW 74.13.098 and 2005 c 507 s 2 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the (~~division of child care and early learning in~~
3 ~~the~~) department (~~of social and health services~~) shall establish a
4 child care career and wage ladder in licensed child care centers that
5 meet the following criteria: (a) At least ten percent of child care
6 slots are dedicated to children whose care is subsidized by the state
7 or any political subdivision thereof or any local government; (b) the
8 center agrees to adopt the child care career and wage ladder, which, at
9 a minimum, shall be at the same pay schedule as existed in the previous
10 child care career and wage ladder pilot project; and (c) the center
11 meets further program standards as established by rule pursuant to
12 section 4 (~~of this act~~), chapter 507, Laws of 2005.

13 The child care career and wage ladder shall include wage increments
14 for levels of education, years of relevant experience, levels of work
15 responsibility, relevant early childhood education credits, and
16 relevant requirements in the state training and registry system.

17 (2) The (~~division~~) department shall establish procedures for the
18 allocation of funds to implement the child care career and wage ladder
19 among child care centers meeting the criteria identified in subsection
20 (1) of this section. In developing these procedures, the (~~division~~)
21 department shall:

22 (a) Review past efforts or administration of the child care career
23 and wage ladder pilot project in order to take advantage of any
24 findings, recommendations, or administrative practices that contributed
25 to that pilot project's success;

26 (b) Consult with stakeholders, including organizations representing
27 child care teachers and providers, in developing an allocation formula
28 that incorporates consideration of geographic and demographic
29 distribution of child care centers adopting the child care career and
30 wage ladder; and

31 (c) Develop a system for prioritizing child care centers interested
32 in adopting the child care career and wage ladder that is based on the
33 criteria identified in subsection (1) of this section.

34 (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (2) of this
35 section, child care centers meeting the criteria in subsection (1) of
36 this section located in urban areas of the department of social and
37 health services region one shall receive a minimum of fifteen percent
38 of the funds allocated through the child care career and wage ladder,

1 and of these centers, child care centers meeting the criteria in
2 subsection (1) of this section participating in the (~~department of~~
3 ~~social and health services~~) Spokane tiered reimbursement pilot project
4 shall have first priority for child care career and wage ladder
5 funding.

6 **Sec. 206.** RCW 74.13.099 and 2005 c 507 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Child care centers adopting the child care career and wage ladder
9 established pursuant to RCW 74.13.098 (as recodified by this act) shall
10 increase wages for child care workers who have earned a high school
11 diploma or GED certificate, gain additional years of experience, or
12 accept increasing levels of responsibility in providing child care, in
13 accordance with the child care career and wage ladder. The adoption of
14 a child care career and wage ladder shall not prohibit the provision of
15 wage increases based upon merit. The department (~~of social and health~~
16 ~~services~~) shall pay wage increments for child care workers employed by
17 child care centers adopting the child care career and wage ladder
18 established pursuant to RCW 74.13.098 (as recodified by this act) who
19 earn early childhood education credits or meet relevant requirements in
20 the state training and registry system, in accordance with the child
21 care career and wage ladder.

22 **Sec. 207.** RCW 74.15.350 and 2005 c 490 s 7 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
25 specific purpose, the department (~~of social and health services~~)
26 shall implement the tiered-reimbursement system developed pursuant to
27 section 6, chapter 490, Laws of 2005. Implementation of the tiered-
28 reimbursement system shall initially consist of two pilot sites in
29 different geographic regions of the state with demonstrated public-
30 private partnerships, with statewide implementation to follow.

31 (2) In implementing the tiered-reimbursement system, consideration
32 shall be given to child care providers who provide staff wage
33 progression.

34 (3) The department shall begin implementation of the two pilot
35 sites by March 30, 2006.

1 **Sec. 208.** RCW 74.12.340 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 s 111 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (1) The department is authorized to (~~promulgate~~) adopt rules
4 (~~and regulations~~) governing the provision of day care as a part of
5 child welfare services when the secretary determines that a need exists
6 for such day care and that it is in the best interests of the child,
7 the parents, or the custodial parent and in determining the need for
8 such day care priority shall be given to geographical areas having the
9 greatest need for such care and to members of low income groups in the
10 population: PROVIDED, That where the family is financially able to pay
11 part or all of the costs of such care, fees shall be imposed and paid
12 according to the financial ability of the family.

13 (2) This section does not affect the authority of the department of
14 early learning to adopt rules governing child day care and early
15 learning programs.

16 **Sec. 209.** RCW 74.08A.340 and 1997 c 58 s 321 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The department of social and health services shall operate the
19 Washington WorkFirst program authorized under RCW 74.08A.200 through
20 74.08A.330, 43.330.145, 74.13.0903 and 74.25.040, and chapter 74.12 RCW
21 within the following constraints:

22 (1) The full amount of the temporary assistance for needy families
23 block grant, plus qualifying state expenditures as appropriated in the
24 biennial operating budget, shall be appropriated to the department each
25 year in the biennial appropriations act to carry out the provisions of
26 the program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330,
27 43.330.145, 74.13.0903 and 74.25.040, and chapter 74.12 RCW.

28 (2)(a) The department may expend funds defined in subsection (1) of
29 this section in any manner that will effectively accomplish the outcome
30 measures defined in RCW 74.08A.410 with the following exception:
31 Beginning with the 2007-2009 biennium, funds that constitute the
32 working connections child care program, child care quality programs,
33 and child care licensing functions.

34 (b) Beginning in the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, the legislature
35 shall appropriate and the department of early learning shall expend
36 funds defined in subsection (1) of this section that constitute the

1 working connections child care program, child care quality programs,
2 and child care licensing functions in a manner that is consistent with
3 the outcome measures defined in RCW 74.08A.410.

4 (c) No more than fifteen percent of the amount provided in
5 subsection (1) of this section may be spent for administrative
6 purposes. For the purpose of this subsection, "administrative
7 purposes" does not include expenditures for information technology and
8 computerization needed for tracking and monitoring required by P.L.
9 104-193. The department shall not increase grant levels to recipients
10 of the program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330 and
11 43.330.145 and chapter 74.12 RCW.

12 (3) The department shall implement strategies that accomplish the
13 outcome measures identified in RCW 74.08A.410 that are within the
14 funding constraints in this section. Specifically, the department
15 shall implement strategies that will cause the number of cases in the
16 program authorized in RCW 74.08A.200 through 74.08A.330 and 43.330.145
17 and chapter 74.12 RCW to decrease by at least fifteen percent during
18 the 1997-99 biennium and by at least five percent in the subsequent
19 biennium. The department may transfer appropriation authority between
20 funding categories within the economic services program in order to
21 carry out the requirements of this subsection.

22 (4) The department shall monitor expenditures against the
23 appropriation levels provided for in subsection (1) of this section.
24 The department shall quarterly make a determination as to whether
25 expenditure levels will exceed available funding and communicate its
26 finding to the legislature. If the determination indicates that
27 expenditures will exceed funding at the end of the fiscal year, the
28 department shall take all necessary actions to ensure that all services
29 provided under this chapter shall be made available only to the extent
30 of the availability and level of appropriation made by the legislature.

31 **Sec. 210.** RCW 28A.215.110 and 1999 c 350 s 1 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
34 this section apply throughout RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and
35 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 (as recodified by this act).

36 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee under RCW
37 28A.215.140 (as recodified by this act).

1 (2) "Department" means the department of (~~community, trade, and~~
2 ~~economic development~~) early learning.

3 (3) "Eligible child" means a child not eligible for kindergarten
4 whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the
5 federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal department
6 of health and human services, and includes a child whose family is
7 eligible for public assistance, and who is not a participant in a
8 federal or state program providing comprehensive services and may
9 include children who are eligible under rules adopted by the department
10 if the number of such children equals not more than ten percent of the
11 total enrollment in the early childhood program. Priority for
12 enrollment shall be given to children from families with the lowest
13 income, children in foster care, or to eligible children from families
14 with multiple needs.

15 (4) "Approved programs" means those state-supported education and
16 special assistance programs which are recognized by the department (~~of~~
17 ~~community, trade, and economic development~~) as meeting the minimum
18 program rules adopted by the department to qualify under RCW
19 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 and 28A.215.900 through 28A.215.908 (as
20 recodified by this act) and are designated as eligible for funding by
21 the department under RCW 28A.215.160 and 28A.215.180 (as recodified by
22 this act).

23 (5) "Comprehensive" means an assistance program that focuses on the
24 needs of the child and includes education, health, and family support
25 services.

26 (6) "Family support services" means providing opportunities for
27 parents to:

- 28 (a) Actively participate in their child's early childhood program;
29 (b) Increase their knowledge of child development and parenting
30 skills;
31 (c) Further their education and training;
32 (d) Increase their ability to use needed services in the community;
33 (e) Increase their self-reliance.

34 **Sec. 211.** RCW 28A.215.120 and 1994 c 166 s 4 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The department (~~of community, trade, and economic development~~)
37 shall administer a state-supported early childhood education and

1 assistance program to assist eligible children with educational,
2 social, health, nutritional, and cultural development to enhance their
3 opportunity for success in the common school system. Eligible children
4 shall be admitted to approved early childhood programs to the extent
5 that the legislature provides funds, and additional eligible children
6 may be admitted to the extent that grants and contributions from
7 community sources provide sufficient funds for a program equivalent to
8 that supported by state funds.

9 **Sec. 212.** RCW 43.63A.066 and 1993 c 280 s 58 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The department of (~~community, trade, and economic development~~)
12 early learning shall have primary responsibility for providing child
13 abuse and neglect prevention training to preschool age children
14 participating in the federal head start program or the early childhood
15 education and assistance program established under RCW 28A.215.010
16 through 28A.215.050, 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200, and 28A.215.900
17 through 28A.215.908 (as recodified by this act).

18 **PART 3**

19 **DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING LICENSING**

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** It shall be the director's duty with
21 regard to licensing:

22 (1) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons
23 representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to
24 designate categories of child care facilities for which separate or
25 different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether
26 because of variations in the ages and other characteristics of the
27 children served, variations in the purposes and services offered or
28 size or structure of the agencies to be licensed, or because of any
29 other factor relevant thereto;

30 (2) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons
31 representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt
32 and publish minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of
33 the various categories of agencies to be licensed under this chapter.

34 The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

1 (a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of
2 operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a
3 license;

4 (b) The character, suitability, and competence of an agency and
5 other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the
6 care of children. In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the
7 director shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges and
8 dependency record information under chapter 43.43 RCW of each agency
9 and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure. No unfounded
10 allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be
11 disclosed to a provider licensed under this chapter. In order to
12 determine the suitability of applicants for an agency license,
13 licensees, their employees, and other persons who have unsupervised
14 access to children in care, and who have not resided in the state of
15 Washington during the three-year period before being authorized to care
16 for children shall be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be
17 forwarded to the Washington state patrol and federal bureau of
18 investigation for a criminal history records check. The fingerprint
19 criminal history records checks will be at the expense of the licensee.
20 The licensee may not pass this cost on to the employee or prospective
21 employee, unless the employee is determined to be unsuitable due to his
22 or her criminal history record. The director shall use the information
23 solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for a license and for
24 determining the character, suitability, and competence of those persons
25 or agencies, excluding parents, not required to be licensed who are
26 authorized to care for children. Criminal justice agencies shall
27 provide the director such information as they may have and that the
28 director may require for such purpose;

29 (c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of
30 care for which an agency seeks a license;

31 (d) The health, safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the
32 premises to provide for the comfort, care, and well-being of children;

33 (e) The provision of necessary care and early learning, including
34 food, supervision, and discipline; physical, mental, and social well-
35 being; and educational and recreational opportunities for those served;

36 (f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum
37 requirements established under this chapter; and

38 (g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the care of children;

1 (3) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to this
2 chapter. Licenses shall specify the category of care that an agency is
3 authorized to render and the ages and number of children to be served;

4 (4) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of
5 reports necessary for the administration of this chapter and to require
6 regular reports from each licensee;

7 (5) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not
8 there is compliance with this chapter and the requirements adopted
9 under this chapter;

10 (6) To review requirements adopted under this chapter at least
11 every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation
12 with affected groups for child day care requirements; and

13 (7) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help
14 them improve their methods and facilities for the care and early
15 learning of children.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** The chief of the Washington state patrol,
17 through the director of fire protection, shall have the power and it
18 shall be his or her duty:

19 (1) In consultation with the director and with the advice and
20 assistance of persons representative of the various type agencies to be
21 licensed, to adopt recognized minimum standard requirements pertaining
22 to each category of agency established pursuant to this chapter
23 necessary to protect all persons residing therein from fire hazards;

24 (2) To make or cause to be made such inspections and investigations
25 of agencies as he or she deems necessary;

26 (3) To make a periodic review of requirements under section 301(5)
27 of this act and to adopt necessary changes after consultation as
28 required in subsection (1) of this section;

29 (4) To issue to applicants for licenses under this chapter who
30 comply with the requirements, a certificate of compliance, a copy of
31 which shall be presented to the department before a license shall be
32 issued, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in
33 section 309 of this act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303.** Licensed child day care centers shall
35 provide notice of pesticide use to parents or guardians of students and
36 employees pursuant to chapter 17.21 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304.** A copy of the articles of incorporation of
2 any agency or amendments to the articles of existing corporation
3 agencies shall be sent by the secretary of state to the department at
4 the time such articles or amendments are filed.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 305.** All agencies subject to this chapter shall
6 accord the department, the chief of the Washington state patrol, and
7 the director of fire protection, or their designees, the right of
8 entrance and the privilege of access to and inspection of records for
9 the purpose of determining whether or not there is compliance with the
10 provisions of this chapter and the requirements adopted under it.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 306.** (1) It is unlawful for any agency to care
12 for children unless the agency is licensed as provided in this chapter.
13 (2) A license issued under chapter 74.15 RCW before July 1, 2006,
14 for an agency subject to this chapter after July 1, 2006, is valid
15 until its next renewal, unless otherwise suspended or revoked by the
16 department.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 307.** Each agency shall make application for a
18 license or renewal of license to the department on forms prescribed by
19 the department. Upon receipt of such application, the department shall
20 either grant or deny a license within ninety days. A license shall be
21 granted if the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in this
22 chapter and the departmental requirements consistent with the chapter,
23 except that an initial license may be issued as provided in section 309
24 of this act. Licenses provided for in this chapter shall be issued for
25 a period of three years. The licensee, however, shall advise the
26 director of any material change in circumstances which might constitute
27 grounds for reclassification of license as to category. The license
28 issued under this chapter is not transferable and applies only to the
29 licensee and the location stated in the application. For licensed
30 family day care homes having an acceptable history of child care, the
31 license may remain in effect for two weeks after a move.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 308.** If a licensee desires to apply for a
33 renewal of its license, a request for a renewal shall be filed ninety
34 days before the expiration date of the license. If the department has

1 failed to act at the time of the expiration date of the license, the
2 license shall continue in effect until such time as the department
3 acts.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 309.** The director may, at his or her
5 discretion, issue an initial license instead of a full license, to an
6 agency or facility for a period not to exceed six months, renewable for
7 a period not to exceed two years, to allow such agency or facility
8 reasonable time to become eligible for full license.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 310.** (1) The department may issue a
10 probationary license to a licensee who has had a license but is
11 temporarily unable to comply with a rule or has been the subject of
12 multiple complaints or concerns about noncompliance if:

13 (a) The noncompliance does not present an immediate threat to the
14 health and well-being of the children but would be likely to do so if
15 allowed to continue; and

16 (b) The licensee has a plan approved by the department to correct
17 the area of noncompliance within the probationary period.

18 (2) A probationary license may be issued for up to six months, and
19 at the discretion of the department it may be extended for an
20 additional six months. The department shall immediately terminate the
21 probationary license, if at any time the noncompliance for which the
22 probationary license was issued presents an immediate threat to the
23 health or well-being of the children.

24 (3) The department may, at any time, issue a probationary license
25 for due cause that states the conditions of probation.

26 (4) An existing license is invalidated when a probationary license
27 is issued.

28 (5) At the expiration of the probationary license, the department
29 shall reinstate the original license for the remainder of its term,
30 issue a new license, or revoke the original license.

31 (6) A right to an adjudicative proceeding shall not accrue to the
32 licensee whose license has been placed on probationary status unless
33 the licensee does not agree with the placement on probationary status
34 and the department then suspends, revokes, or modifies the license.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 311.** (1) An agency may be denied a license, or
2 any license issued pursuant to this chapter may be suspended, revoked,
3 modified, or not renewed by the director upon proof (a) that the agency
4 has failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this chapter or
5 the requirements adopted pursuant to this chapter; or (b) that the
6 conditions required for the issuance of a license under this chapter
7 have ceased to exist with respect to such licenses. RCW 43.20A.205
8 governs notice of a license denial, revocation, suspension, or
9 modification and provides the right to an adjudicative proceeding.

10 (2) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial,
11 modification, suspension, or revocation of any license under this
12 chapter, the department's decision shall be upheld if it is supported
13 by a preponderance of the evidence.

14 (3) The department may assess civil monetary penalties upon proof
15 that an agency has failed or refused to comply with the rules adopted
16 under this chapter or that an agency subject to licensing under this
17 chapter is operating without a license except that civil monetary
18 penalties shall not be levied against a licensed foster home. Monetary
19 penalties levied against unlicensed agencies that submit an application
20 for licensure within thirty days of notification and subsequently
21 become licensed will be forgiven. These penalties may be assessed in
22 addition to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions. Civil monetary
23 penalties, if imposed, may be assessed and collected, with interest,
24 for each day an agency is or was out of compliance. Civil monetary
25 penalties shall not exceed seventy-five dollars per violation for a
26 family day care home and two hundred fifty dollars per violation for
27 child day care centers. Each day upon which the same or substantially
28 similar action occurs is a separate violation subject to the assessment
29 of a separate penalty. The department shall provide a notification
30 period before a monetary penalty is effective and may forgive the
31 penalty levied if the agency comes into compliance during this period.
32 The department may suspend, revoke, or not renew a license for failure
33 to pay a civil monetary penalty it has assessed pursuant to this
34 chapter within ten days after such assessment becomes final. Chapter
35 43.20A RCW governs notice of a civil monetary penalty and provides the
36 right of an adjudicative proceeding. The preponderance of evidence
37 standard shall apply in adjudicative proceedings related to assessment
38 of civil monetary penalties.

1 (4)(a) In addition to or in lieu of an enforcement action being
2 taken, the department may place a child day care center or family day
3 care provider on nonreferral status if the center or provider has
4 failed or refused to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under
5 this chapter or an enforcement action has been taken. The nonreferral
6 status may continue until the department determines that: (i) No
7 enforcement action is appropriate; or (ii) a corrective action plan has
8 been successfully concluded.

9 (b) Whenever a child day care center or family day care provider is
10 placed on nonreferral status, the department shall provide written
11 notification to the child day care center or family day care provider.

12 (5) The department shall notify appropriate public and private
13 child care resource and referral agencies of the department's decision
14 to: (a) Take an enforcement action against a child day care center or
15 family day care provider; or (b) place or remove a child day care
16 center or family day care provider on nonreferral status.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 312.** (1) The office of administrative hearings
18 shall not assign nor allow an administrative law judge to preside over
19 an adjudicative hearing regarding denial, modification, suspension, or
20 revocation of any license to provide child care under this chapter,
21 unless such judge has received training related to state and federal
22 laws and department policies and procedures regarding:

- 23 (a) Child abuse, neglect, and maltreatment;
- 24 (b) Child protective services investigations and standards;
- 25 (c) Licensing activities and standards;
- 26 (d) Child development; and
- 27 (e) Parenting skills.

28 (2) The office of administrative hearings shall develop and
29 implement a training program that carries out the requirements of this
30 section. The office of administrative hearings shall consult and
31 coordinate with the department in developing the training program. The
32 department may assist the office of administrative hearings in
33 developing and providing training to administrative law judges.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 313.** The director shall immediately suspend the
35 license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to
36 RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a

1 person who is not in compliance with a support order or a residential
2 or visitation order. If the person has continued to meet all other
3 requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the
4 license or certificate shall be automatic upon the director's receipt
5 of a release issued by the department of social and health services
6 stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 314.** Notwithstanding the existence or pursuit
8 of any other remedy, the director may, in the manner provided by law,
9 upon the advice of the attorney general, who shall represent the
10 department in the proceeding, maintain an action in the name of the
11 state for injunction or such other relief as he or she may deem
12 advisable against any agency subject to licensing under the provisions
13 of this chapter or against any such agency not having a license as
14 heretofore provided in this chapter.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 315.** Any agency operating without a license
16 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This section shall not be
17 enforceable against an agency until sixty days after the effective date
18 of new rules, applicable to such agency, have been adopted under this
19 chapter.

20 **PART 4**
21 **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES LICENSING REVISIONS**

22 **Sec. 401.** RCW 74.15.020 and 2001 c 230 s 1, 2001 c 144 s 1, and
23 2001 c 137 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 For the purpose of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031, and unless
25 otherwise clearly indicated by the context thereof, the following terms
26 shall mean:

- 27 (1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association,
28 corporation, or facility which receives children, expectant mothers, or
29 persons with developmental disabilities for control, care, or
30 maintenance outside their own homes, or which places, arranges the
31 placement of, or assists in the placement of children, expectant
32 mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for foster care or
33 placement of children for adoption, and shall include the following

1 irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency or to the
2 children, expectant mothers or persons with developmental disabilities
3 for services rendered:

4 ~~((a)) ("Child day care center" means an agency which regularly
5 provides care for a group of children for periods of less than twenty-
6 four hours;~~

7 ~~(b))~~ "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child
8 or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

9 ~~((c))~~ (b) "Community facility" means a group care facility
10 operated for the care of juveniles committed to the department under
11 RCW 13.40.185. A county detention facility that houses juveniles
12 committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a contract
13 with the department is not a community facility;

14 ~~((d))~~ (c) "Crisis residential center" means an agency which is a
15 temporary protective residential facility operated to perform the
16 duties specified in chapter 13.32A RCW, in the manner provided in RCW
17 74.13.032 through 74.13.036;

18 ~~((e))~~ (d) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be
19 commonly known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis
20 care for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by
21 their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency
22 respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and for
23 up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide care
24 for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons eighteen
25 through twenty with developmental disabilities who are admitted with a
26 sibling or siblings through age seventeen. Emergency respite centers
27 may not substitute for crisis residential centers or HOPE centers, or
28 any other services defined under this section, and may not substitute
29 for services which are required under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW;

30 ~~((f)) "Family day care provider" means a child day care provider
31 who regularly provides child day care for not more than twelve children
32 in the provider's home in the family living quarters;~~

33 ~~(g))~~ (e) "Foster-family home" means an agency which regularly
34 provides care on a twenty-four hour basis to one or more children,
35 expectant mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the
36 family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and
37 supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a developmental
38 disability is placed;

1 (~~(h)~~) (f) "Group-care facility" means an agency, other than a
2 foster-family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a
3 group of children on a twenty-four hour basis;

4 (~~(i)~~) (g) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary
5 to provide temporary residential placement and other services to street
6 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days
7 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No
8 street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by the
9 department and any additional days approved by the department must be
10 based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street
11 youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may remain in a
12 HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of the youth, not
13 longer. All other street youth must have court approval under chapter
14 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to thirty days;

15 (~~(j)~~) (h) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides or
16 arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during
17 confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their
18 infants after confinement;

19 (~~(k)~~) (i) "Responsible living skills program" means an agency
20 licensed by the secretary that provides residential and transitional
21 living services to persons ages sixteen to eighteen who are dependent
22 under chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her
23 legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived outdoors
24 or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by the minor.
25 Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible if no other
26 placement alternative is available and the department approves the
27 placement;

28 (~~(l)~~) (j) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a
29 community facility.

30 (2) "Agency" shall not include the following:

31 (a) Persons related to the child, expectant mother, or person with
32 developmental disability in the following ways:

33 (i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and
34 including first cousins, nephews or nieces, and persons of preceding
35 generations as denoted by prefixes of grand, great, or great-great;

36 (ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;

37 (iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent as

1 well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons,
2 and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance with state
3 law;

4 (iv) Spouses of any persons named in (i), (ii), or (iii) of this
5 subsection (2)(a), even after the marriage is terminated; or

6 (v) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of the
7 Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person
8 who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian child's
9 grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or
10 sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or stepparent
11 who provides care in the family abode on a twenty-four-hour basis to an
12 Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);

13 (b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child, expectant mother,
14 or persons with developmental disabilities;

15 (c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or
16 children, with or without compensation, where(~~(i) The person~~
17 ~~providing care for periods of less than twenty four hours does not~~
18 ~~conduct such activity on an ongoing, regularly scheduled basis for the~~
19 ~~purpose of engaging in business, which includes, but is not limited to,~~
20 ~~advertising such care; or (ii)) the parent and person providing care
21 on a twenty-four-hour basis have agreed to the placement in writing and
22 the state is not providing any payment for the care;~~

23 (d) (~~Parents on a mutually cooperative basis exchange care of one~~
24 ~~another's children;~~

25 (e)) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that
26 provides placement or similar services to exchange students or
27 international student exchange visitors or persons who have the care of
28 an exchange student in their home;

29 ((~~f~~)) (e) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity
30 that provides placement or similar services to international children
31 who have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria
32 for medical care as established by the United States immigration and
33 naturalization service, or persons who have the care of such an
34 international child in their home;

35 ((~~g~~) Nursery schools or kindergartens which are engaged primarily
36 in educational work with preschool children and in which no child is
37 enrolled on a regular basis for more than four hours per day;

1 ~~(h))~~ (f) Schools, including boarding schools, which are engaged
2 primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule,
3 follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children
4 and do not accept custody of children;

5 ~~((i) Seasonal camps of three months' or less duration engaged~~
6 ~~primarily in recreational or educational activities;~~

7 ~~(j))~~ (g) Hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW when
8 performing functions defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, nursing homes
9 licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW and boarding homes licensed under
10 chapter 18.20 RCW;

11 ~~((k))~~ (h) Licensed physicians or lawyers;

12 ~~((l) Facilities providing care to children for periods of less~~
13 ~~than twenty four hours whose parents remain on the premises to~~
14 ~~participate in activities other than employment;~~

15 ~~(m))~~ (i) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22
16 RCW;

17 ~~((n))~~ (j) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten
18 years prior to June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or
19 assistance from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part
20 by an endowment or trust fund;

21 ~~((o))~~ (k) Persons who have a child in their home for purposes of
22 adoption, if the child was placed in such home by a licensed child-
23 placing agency, an authorized public or tribal agency or court or if a
24 replacement report has been filed under chapter 26.33 RCW and the
25 placement has been approved by the court;

26 ~~((p))~~ (l) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or
27 federal government or an agency, located within the boundaries of a
28 federally recognized Indian reservation, licensed by the Indian tribe;

29 ~~((q))~~ (m) A maximum or medium security program for juvenile
30 offenders operated by or under contract with the department;

31 ~~((r))~~ (n) An agency located on a federal military reservation,
32 except where the military authorities request that such agency be
33 subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter.

34 (3) "Department" means the state department of social and health
35 services.

36 (4) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of twenty-one who has
37 been sentenced to a term of confinement under the supervision of the
38 department under RCW 13.40.185.

1 (5) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a disciplinary
2 measure to an agency that has previously been issued a full license but
3 is out of compliance with licensing standards.

4 (6) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care
5 to be maintained by an agency.

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

7 (8) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who
8 lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy
9 by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent or at his
10 or her legally authorized residence.

11 (9) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the
12 extent funds are available, the following:

13 (a) Educational services, including basic literacy and
14 computational skills training, either in local alternative or public
15 high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to
16 obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

17 (b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational
18 training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance, and
19 placement programs;

20 (c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money
21 management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care,
22 access to community resources, and transportation and housing options;

23 (d) Individual and group counseling; and

24 (e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and local
25 organizations such as the United States department of labor, employment
26 and training administration programs including the job training
27 partnership act which administers private industry councils and the job
28 corps; vocational rehabilitation; and volunteer programs.

29 **Sec. 402.** RCW 74.15.030 and 2005 c 490 s 11 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 The secretary shall have the power and it shall be the secretary's
32 duty:

33 (1) In consultation with the children's services advisory
34 committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative
35 of the various type agencies to be licensed, to designate categories of
36 facilities for which separate or different requirements shall be
37 developed as may be appropriate whether because of variations in the

1 ages, sex and other characteristics of persons served, variations in
2 the purposes and services offered or size or structure of the agencies
3 to be licensed hereunder, or because of any other factor relevant
4 thereto;

5 (2) In consultation with the children's services advisory
6 committee, and with the advice and assistance of persons representative
7 of the various type agencies to be licensed, to adopt and publish
8 minimum requirements for licensing applicable to each of the various
9 categories of agencies to be licensed.

10 The minimum requirements shall be limited to:

11 (a) The size and suitability of a facility and the plan of
12 operation for carrying out the purpose for which an applicant seeks a
13 license;

14 (b) The character, suitability and competence of an agency and
15 other persons associated with an agency directly responsible for the
16 care and treatment of children, expectant mothers or developmentally
17 disabled persons. In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the
18 secretary shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges
19 and dependency record information under chapter 43.43 RCW of each
20 agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure. No unfounded
21 allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be
22 disclosed to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency, or any
23 other provider licensed under this chapter. In order to determine the
24 suitability of applicants for an agency license, licensees, their
25 employees, and other persons who have unsupervised access to children
26 in care, and who have not resided in the state of Washington during the
27 three-year period before being authorized to care for children shall be
28 fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Washington
29 state patrol and federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history
30 records check. The fingerprint criminal history records checks will be
31 at the expense of the licensee except that in the case of a foster
32 family home, if this expense would work a hardship on the licensee, the
33 department shall pay the expense. The licensee may not pass this cost
34 on to the employee or prospective employee, unless the employee is
35 determined to be unsuitable due to his or her criminal history record.
36 The secretary shall use the information solely for the purpose of
37 determining eligibility for a license and for determining the
38 character, suitability, and competence of those persons or agencies,

1 excluding parents, not required to be licensed who are authorized to
2 care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled
3 persons. Criminal justice agencies shall provide the secretary such
4 information as they may have and that the secretary may require for
5 such purpose;

6 (c) The number of qualified persons required to render the type of
7 care and treatment for which an agency seeks a license;

8 (d) The safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises
9 to provide for the comfort, care and well-being of children, expectant
10 mothers or developmentally disabled persons;

11 (e) The provision of necessary care, including food, clothing,
12 supervision and discipline; physical, mental and social well-being; and
13 educational, recreational and spiritual opportunities for those served;

14 (f) The financial ability of an agency to comply with minimum
15 requirements established pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW
16 74.13.031; and

17 (g) The maintenance of records pertaining to the admission,
18 progress, health and discharge of persons served;

19 (3) To investigate any person, including relatives by blood or
20 marriage except for parents, for character, suitability, and competence
21 in the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers, and
22 developmentally disabled persons prior to authorizing that person to
23 care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled
24 persons. However, if a child is placed with a relative under RCW
25 13.34.065 or 13.34.130, and if such relative appears otherwise suitable
26 and competent to provide care and treatment the criminal history
27 background check required by this section need not be completed before
28 placement, but shall be completed as soon as possible after placement;

29 (4) On reports of alleged child abuse and neglect, to investigate
30 agencies in accordance with chapter 26.44 RCW, including child day-care
31 centers and family day-care homes, to determine whether the alleged
32 abuse or neglect has occurred, and whether child protective services or
33 referral to a law enforcement agency is appropriate;

34 (5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant to
35 chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031. Licenses shall specify the
36 category of care which an agency is authorized to render and the ages,
37 sex and number of persons to be served;

1 (6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents of
2 reports necessary for the administration of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW
3 74.13.031 and to require regular reports from each licensee;

4 (7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether or not
5 there is compliance with chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the
6 requirements adopted hereunder;

7 (8) To review requirements adopted hereunder at least every two
8 years and to adopt appropriate changes after consultation (~~with~~
9 ~~affected groups for child day care requirements and~~) with the
10 children's services advisory committee for requirements for other
11 agencies; and

12 (9) To consult with public and private agencies in order to help
13 them improve their methods and facilities for the care of children,
14 expectant mothers and developmentally disabled persons.

15 **Sec. 403.** RCW 74.15.100 and 1995 c 302 s 8 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Each agency shall make application for a license or renewal of
18 license to the department of social and health services on forms
19 prescribed by the department. A licensed agency having foster-family
20 homes under its supervision may make application for a license on
21 behalf of any such foster-family home. Such a foster home license
22 shall cease to be valid when the home is no longer under the
23 supervision of that agency. Upon receipt of such application, the
24 department shall either grant or deny a license within ninety days
25 unless the application is for licensure as a foster-family home, in
26 which case RCW 74.15.040 shall govern. A license shall be granted if
27 the agency meets the minimum requirements set forth in chapter 74.15
28 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 and the departmental requirements consistent
29 herewith, except that an initial license may be issued as provided in
30 RCW 74.15.120. Licenses provided for in chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW
31 74.13.031 shall be issued for a period of three years. The licensee,
32 however, shall advise the secretary of any material change in
33 circumstances which might constitute grounds for reclassification of
34 license as to category. The license issued under this chapter is not
35 transferable and applies only to the licensee and the location stated
36 in the application. For licensed foster-family (~~and family day care~~)

1 homes having an acceptable history of child care, the license may
2 remain in effect for two weeks after a move, except that (~~for the~~
3 ~~foster family home~~) this will apply only if the family remains intact.

4 **Sec. 404.** RCW 74.15.130 and 2005 c 473 s 6 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) An agency may be denied a license, or any license issued
7 pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 may be suspended,
8 revoked, modified, or not renewed by the secretary upon proof (a) that
9 the agency has failed or refused to comply with the provisions of
10 chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 or the requirements promulgated
11 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031; or
12 (b) that the conditions required for the issuance of a license under
13 chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 have ceased to exist with respect
14 to such licenses. RCW 43.20A.205 governs notice of a license denial,
15 revocation, suspension, or modification and provides the right to an
16 adjudicative proceeding.

17 (2) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial,
18 modification, suspension, or revocation of a foster family home
19 license, the department's decision shall be upheld if there is
20 reasonable cause to believe that:

21 (a) The applicant or licensee lacks the character, suitability, or
22 competence to care for children placed in out-of-home care, however, no
23 unfounded report of child abuse or neglect may be used to deny
24 employment or a license;

25 (b) The applicant or licensee has failed or refused to comply with
26 any provision of chapter 74.15 RCW, RCW 74.13.031, or the requirements
27 adopted pursuant to such provisions; or

28 (c) The conditions required for issuance of a license under chapter
29 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 have ceased to exist with respect to such
30 licenses.

31 (3) In any adjudicative proceeding regarding the denial,
32 modification, suspension, or revocation of any license under this
33 chapter, other than a foster family home license, the department's
34 decision shall be upheld if it is supported by a preponderance of the
35 evidence.

36 (4) The department may assess civil monetary penalties upon proof
37 that an agency has failed or refused to comply with the rules adopted

1 under the provisions of this chapter and RCW 74.13.031 or that an
2 agency subject to licensing under this chapter and RCW 74.13.031 is
3 operating without a license except that civil monetary penalties shall
4 not be levied against a licensed foster home. Monetary penalties
5 levied against unlicensed agencies that submit an application for
6 licensure within thirty days of notification and subsequently become
7 licensed will be forgiven. These penalties may be assessed in addition
8 to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions. Civil monetary penalties,
9 if imposed, may be assessed and collected, with interest, for each day
10 an agency is or was out of compliance. Civil monetary penalties shall
11 not exceed (~~seventy five dollars per violation for a family day care~~
12 ~~home and~~) two hundred fifty dollars per violation for group homes(~~(~~
13 ~~child day care centers,~~)~~)~~) and child-placing agencies. Each day upon
14 which the same or substantially similar action occurs is a separate
15 violation subject to the assessment of a separate penalty. The
16 department shall provide a notification period before a monetary
17 penalty is effective and may forgive the penalty levied if the agency
18 comes into compliance during this period. The department may suspend,
19 revoke, or not renew a license for failure to pay a civil monetary
20 penalty it has assessed pursuant to this chapter within ten days after
21 such assessment becomes final. Chapter 43.20A RCW governs notice of a
22 civil monetary penalty and provides the right of an adjudicative
23 proceeding. The preponderance of evidence standard shall apply in
24 adjudicative proceedings related to assessment of civil monetary
25 penalties.

26 ~~((5)(a) In addition to or in lieu of an enforcement action being~~
27 ~~taken, the department may place a child day care center or family day~~
28 ~~care provider on nonreferral status if the center or provider has~~
29 ~~failed or refused to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under~~
30 ~~this chapter or an enforcement action has been taken. The nonreferral~~
31 ~~status may continue until the department determines that: (i) No~~
32 ~~enforcement action is appropriate; or (ii) a corrective action plan has~~
33 ~~been successfully concluded.~~

34 ~~(b) Whenever a child day care center or family day care provider is~~
35 ~~placed on nonreferral status, the department shall provide written~~
36 ~~notification to the child day care center or family day care provider.~~

37 ~~(6) The department shall notify appropriate public and private~~
38 ~~child care resource and referral agencies of the department's decision~~

1 ~~to: (a) Take an enforcement action against a child day care center or~~
2 ~~family day care provider; or (b) place or remove a child day care~~
3 ~~center or family day care provider on nonreferral status.)~~

4 **PART 5**

5 **TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS**

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** (1) All powers, duties, and functions of
7 the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the
8 department of community, trade, and economic development pertaining to
9 the early childhood education and assistance (ECEAP) program and the
10 early reading initiative are transferred to the department of early
11 learning. All references to the director or the department of
12 community, trade, and economic development in the Revised Code of
13 Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the department of
14 early learning when referring to the functions transferred in this
15 section.

16 (2) All powers, duties, and functions of the division of child care
17 and early learning in the department of social and health services
18 pertaining to the working connections child care program, child care
19 licensing, child care quality activities, and the head start
20 collaboration office are transferred to the department of early
21 learning. However, eligibility staffing and eligibility payment
22 functions for the working connections child care program shall not be
23 transferred to the department of early learning. All references to the
24 secretary or the department of social and health services in the
25 Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or
26 the department of early learning when referring to the functions
27 transferred in this section.

28 (3) Child day care services provided through the children's
29 administration within the department of social and health services are
30 not transferred to the department of early learning.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** All reports, documents, surveys, books,
32 records, files, papers, or written material in the possession of the
33 office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of
34 social and health services, and the department of community, trade, and
35 economic development pertaining to the powers, functions, and duties

1 transferred in section 501 of this act shall be delivered to the
2 custody of the department of early learning. All cabinets, furniture,
3 office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed
4 by the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the
5 department of social and health services, and the department of
6 community, trade, and economic development in carrying out the powers,
7 functions, and duties transferred shall be made available to the
8 department of early learning. All funds, credits, or other assets held
9 in connection with the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall
10 be assigned to the department of early learning.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** (1) Any appropriations made to the office
12 of the superintendent of public instruction or the department of
13 community, trade, and economic development for carrying out the powers,
14 functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act shall, on
15 the effective date of this section, be transferred and credited to the
16 department of early learning;

17 (2) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health
18 services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred
19 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred to the
20 department of early learning through an interagency agreement.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 504.** (1) All employees of the office of the
22 superintendent of public instruction, the department of social and
23 health services, and the department of community, trade, and economic
24 development engaged in performing the powers, functions, and duties
25 transferred in section 501 of this act are transferred to the
26 jurisdiction of the department of early learning. All employees
27 classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are
28 assigned to the department of early learning to perform their usual
29 duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights,
30 subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance
31 with the laws and rules governing state civil service.

32 (2) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any
33 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing
34 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or
35 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public
36 employment relations commission as provided by law.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505.** (1) All rules and all pending business
2 before the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the
3 department of social and health services, and the department of
4 community, trade, and economic development pertaining to the powers,
5 functions, and duties transferred in section 501 of this act shall be
6 continued and acted upon by the department of early learning. All
7 existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall
8 be performed by the department of early learning.

9 (2) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
10 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department
11 of social and health services, and the department of community, trade,
12 and economic development shall not affect the validity of any act
13 performed before the effective date of this section.

14 (3) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any
15 personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment,
16 or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers
17 and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the
18 director of financial management shall make a determination as to the
19 proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

20 (4) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
21 transfers directed by this section and sections 501 through 504 of this
22 act, the director of financial management shall certify the
23 apportionments to the agencies affected, the state auditor, and the
24 state treasurer. Each of these shall make the appropriate transfer and
25 adjustments in funds and appropriation accounts and equipment records
26 in accordance with the certification.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** By November 15, 2006, the department of
28 early learning, in collaboration with the early learning council, shall
29 prepare a report and make recommendations to the governor and
30 appropriate committees of the legislature detailing:

31 (1) Coordination and collaboration between the department and the
32 K-12 system at the state and local levels to ensure appropriate
33 connections and smooth transitions between early learning and K-12;

34 (2) Ongoing coordination and collaboration between the department
35 and other programs not included in the department;

36 (3) Ways the department will support local communities in

1 encouraging public-private partnerships, innovative solutions to local
2 issues, coordination of early learning services, and improved
3 transitions from early learning to kindergarten;

4 (4) The relationship between the department and the private-public
5 partnership;

6 (5) Internal governance of the department, to be implemented July
7 1, 2007, upon termination of the early learning council; and

8 (6) Transition of any additional early learning programs and
9 responsibilities, including administration of federal child care funds
10 and subsidy eligibility and payment functions.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 507.** By July 1, 2010, the joint legislative
12 audit and review committee shall conduct an evaluation of the
13 implementation and operation of the department of early learning to
14 assess the extent to which:

15 (1) Services and programs that previously were administered
16 separately have been effectively integrated;

17 (2) Reporting and monitoring activities have been consolidated and
18 made more efficient;

19 (3) Consolidation has resulted in administrative efficiencies
20 within the department;

21 (4) Child care and early learning services are improved;

22 (5) Subsidized child care is available;

23 (6) Subsidized child care is affordable;

24 (7) The department has been an effective partner in the
25 private-public partnership;

26 (8) Procedures have been put in place to respect parents and legal
27 guardians and provide them the opportunity to participate in the
28 development of policies and program decisions affecting their children;
29 and

30 (9) The degree and methods by which the agency conducts parent
31 outreach and education.

32 **PART 6**

33 **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 601.** The following sections are each recodified
35 as new sections in the new chapter created in section 603 of this act:

1 RCW 74.13.097
2 RCW 74.13.098
3 RCW 74.13.099
4 RCW 74.15.063
5 RCW 74.15.310
6 RCW 74.15.320
7 RCW 74.15.330
8 RCW 74.15.340
9 RCW 74.15.350
10 RCW 28A.215.100
11 RCW 28A.215.110
12 RCW 28A.215.120
13 RCW 28A.215.130
14 RCW 28A.215.140
15 RCW 28A.215.150
16 RCW 28A.215.160
17 RCW 28A.215.170
18 RCW 28A.215.180
19 RCW 28A.215.190
20 RCW 28A.215.200
21 RCW 28A.215.900
22 RCW 28A.215.904
23 RCW 28A.215.906
24 RCW 28A.215.908

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 602.** PART HEADINGS NOT LAW. Part headings used
26 in this act are not any part of the law.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 603.** Sections 101 through 109, 301 through 315,
28 and 501 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 604.** This act takes effect July 1, 2006.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 605.** If any provision of this act or its
31 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
32 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
33 persons or circumstances is not affected."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "learning;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.17.010, 42.17.2401,
3 41.04.385, 74.13.085, 74.13.0902, 74.13.0903, 74.13.098, 74.13.099,
4 74.15.350, 74.12.340, 74.08A.340, 28A.215.110, 28A.215.120, 43.63A.066,
5 74.15.030, 74.15.100, and 74.15.130; reenacting and amending RCW
6 43.17.020 and 74.15.020; adding a new section to chapter 41.06 RCW;
7 adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating new sections;
8 recodifying RCW 74.13.097, 74.13.098, 74.13.099, 74.15.063, 74.15.310,
9 74.15.320, 74.15.330, 74.15.340, 74.15.350, 28A.215.100, 28A.215.110,
10 28A.215.120, 28A.215.130, 28A.215.140, 28A.215.150, 28A.215.160,
11 28A.215.170, 28A.215.180, 28A.215.190, 28A.215.200, 28A.215.900,
12 28A.215.904, 28A.215.906, and 28A.215.908; prescribing penalties; and
13 providing an effective date."

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