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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing success in therapeutic courts;
2 amending RCW 71.24.580; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Drug courts remove a defendant's or
5 respondent's case from the criminal and civil court traditional trial
6 track and allow those defendants or respondents the opportunity to
7 obtain treatment services to address particular issues that may have
8 contributed to the conduct that led to their arrest or other issues
9 before the court. Such courts, by focusing on specific individuals'
10 needs, provide treatment for the issues presented and ensure rapid
11 and appropriate accountability for program violations, which
12 decreases recidivism, improves the safety of the community, and
13 improves the life of the program participant and the lives of the
14 participant's family members by decreasing the severity and frequency
15 of the specific behavior addressed by the therapeutic court.
16 Therefore, the legislature finds compelling the research conducted by
17 the Washington state institute for public policy and the research and
18 data analysis division of the department of social and health
19 services showing that providing recovery support services to clients
20 in drug courts creates a benefit to the state of approximately seven
21 dollars and sixty cents in reduced public expenditures and reduced

1 costs of victimization for each dollar spent. Therefore, it is the
2 intent of the legislature to allow the use of a portion of the
3 criminal justice treatment account to provide such services to foster
4 increased success in drug courts.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.24.580 and 2016 sp.s. c 29 s 511 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The criminal justice treatment account is created in the
8 state treasury. Moneys in the account may be expended solely for: (a)
9 Substance use disorder treatment and treatment support services for
10 offenders with a substance use disorder that, if not treated, would
11 result in addiction, against whom charges are filed by a prosecuting
12 attorney in Washington state; (b) the provision of substance use
13 disorder treatment services and treatment support services for
14 nonviolent offenders within a drug court program; and (c) the
15 administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a
16 drug court. During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
17 transfer from the criminal justice treatment account to the state
18 general fund amounts as reflect the state savings associated with the
19 implementation of the medicaid expansion of the federal affordable
20 care act and the excess fund balance of the account. Moneys in the
21 account may be spent only after appropriation.

22 (2) For purposes of this section:

23 (a) "Treatment" means services that are critical to a
24 participant's successful completion of his or her substance use
25 disorder treatment program, (~~but does not include the following~~
26 ~~services: Housing other than that provided as part of an inpatient~~
27 ~~substance use disorder treatment program, vocational training, and~~
28 ~~mental health counseling~~)) including but not limited to the recovery
29 support and other programmatic elements outlined in RCW 2.30.030
30 authorizing therapeutic courts; and

31 (b) "Treatment support" (~~means~~) includes transportation to or
32 from inpatient or outpatient treatment services when no viable
33 alternative exists, and child care services that are necessary to
34 ensure a participant's ability to attend outpatient treatment
35 sessions.

36 (3) Revenues to the criminal justice treatment account consist
37 of: (a) Funds transferred to the account pursuant to this section;
38 and (b) any other revenues appropriated to or deposited in the
39 account.

1 (4)(a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and each
2 subsequent fiscal year, the amount transferred shall be increased on
3 an annual basis by the implicit price deflator as published by the
4 federal bureau of labor statistics.

5 (b) In each odd-numbered year, the legislature shall appropriate
6 the amount transferred to the criminal justice treatment account in
7 (a) of this subsection to the department for the purposes of
8 subsection (5) of this section.

9 (5) Moneys appropriated to the department from the criminal
10 justice treatment account shall be distributed as specified in this
11 subsection. The department may retain up to three percent of the
12 amount appropriated under subsection (4)(b) of this section for its
13 administrative costs.

14 (a) Seventy percent of amounts appropriated to the department
15 from the account shall be distributed to counties pursuant to the
16 distribution formula adopted under this section. The division of
17 alcohol and substance abuse, in consultation with the department of
18 corrections, the Washington state association of counties, the
19 Washington state association of drug court professionals, the
20 superior court judges' association, the Washington association of
21 prosecuting attorneys, representatives of the criminal defense bar,
22 representatives of substance use disorder treatment providers, and
23 any other person deemed by the department to be necessary, shall
24 establish a fair and reasonable methodology for distribution to
25 counties of moneys in the criminal justice treatment account. County
26 or regional plans submitted for the expenditure of formula funds must
27 be approved by the panel established in (b) of this subsection.

28 (b) Thirty percent of the amounts appropriated to the department
29 from the account shall be distributed as grants for purposes of
30 treating offenders against whom charges are filed by a county
31 prosecuting attorney. The department shall appoint a panel of
32 representatives from the Washington association of prosecuting
33 attorneys, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs,
34 the superior court judges' association, the Washington state
35 association of counties, the Washington defender's association or the
36 Washington association of criminal defense lawyers, the department of
37 corrections, the Washington state association of drug court
38 professionals, substance use disorder treatment providers, and the
39 division. The panel shall review county or regional plans for funding
40 under (a) of this subsection and grants approved under this

1 subsection. The panel shall attempt to ensure that treatment as
2 funded by the grants is available to offenders statewide.

3 (6) The county alcohol and drug coordinator, county prosecutor,
4 county sheriff, county superior court, a substance abuse treatment
5 provider appointed by the county legislative authority, a member of
6 the criminal defense bar appointed by the county legislative
7 authority, and, in counties with a drug court, a representative of
8 the drug court shall jointly submit a plan, approved by the county
9 legislative authority or authorities, to the panel established in
10 subsection (5)(b) of this section, for disposition of all the funds
11 provided from the criminal justice treatment account within that
12 county. The funds shall be used solely to provide approved alcohol
13 and substance abuse treatment pursuant to RCW 71.24.560((7)) and
14 treatment support services(~~(, and for the administrative and overhead~~
15 ~~costs associated with the operation of a drug court))~~).

16 ~~((a) No more than ten percent of the total moneys received under~~
17 ~~subsections (4) and (5) of this section by a county or group of~~
18 ~~counties participating in a regional agreement shall be spent on the~~
19 ~~administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a~~
20 ~~drug court.~~

21 ~~(b))~~ No more than ten percent of the total moneys received under
22 subsections (4) and (5) of this section by a county or group of
23 counties participating in a regional agreement shall be spent for
24 treatment support services.

25 (7) Counties are encouraged to consider regional agreements and
26 submit regional plans for the efficient delivery of treatment under
27 this section.

28 (8) Moneys allocated under this section shall be used to
29 supplement, not supplant, other federal, state, and local funds used
30 for substance abuse treatment.

31 (9) Counties must meet the criteria established in RCW
32 2.30.030(3).

33 ~~((10) The authority under this section to use funds from the~~
34 ~~criminal justice treatment account for the administrative and~~
35 ~~overhead costs associated with the operation of a drug court expires~~
36 ~~June 30, 2015.))~~

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