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By Senators Kuderer, Palumbo, and Billig

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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to including referred and diverted youth in  
2 establishing community juvenile accountability program guidelines;  
3 and amending RCW 13.40.510.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.510 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 62 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) In order to receive funds under RCW 13.40.500 through  
8 13.40.540, local governments may, through their respective agencies  
9 that administer funding for consolidated juvenile services, submit  
10 proposals that establish community juvenile accountability programs  
11 within their communities. These proposals must be submitted to the  
12 juvenile rehabilitation administration of the department of social  
13 and health services for certification.

14 (2) The proposals must:

15 (a) Demonstrate that the proposals were developed with the input  
16 of the local law and justice councils established under RCW  
17 72.09.300;

18 (b) Describe how local community groups or members are involved  
19 in the implementation of the programs funded under RCW 13.40.500  
20 through 13.40.540;

1 (c) Include a description of how the grant funds will contribute  
2 to the expected outcomes of the program and the reduction of youth  
3 violence and juvenile crime in their community. Data approaches are  
4 not required to be replicated if the networks have information that  
5 addresses risks in the community for juvenile offenders.

6 (3) A local government receiving a grant under this section shall  
7 agree that any funds received must be used efficiently to encourage  
8 the use of community-based programs that reduce the reliance on  
9 secure confinement as the sole means of holding juvenile offenders  
10 accountable for their crimes. The local government shall also agree  
11 to account for the expenditure of all funds received under the grant  
12 and to submit to audits for compliance with the grant criteria  
13 developed under RCW 13.40.520.

14 (4) The juvenile rehabilitation administration, in consultation  
15 with the Washington association of juvenile court administrators and  
16 the state law and justice advisory council, shall establish  
17 guidelines for programs that may be funded under RCW 13.40.500  
18 through 13.40.540. The guidelines must:

19 (a) Target referred and diverted (~~and~~) youth, as well as  
20 adjudicated juvenile offenders;

21 (b) Include assessment methods to determine services, programs,  
22 and intervention strategies most likely to change behaviors and norms  
23 of juvenile offenders;

24 (c) Provide maximum structured supervision in the community.  
25 Programs should use natural surveillance and community guardians such  
26 as employers, relatives, teachers, clergy, and community mentors to  
27 the greatest extent possible;

28 (d) Promote good work ethic values and educational skills and  
29 competencies necessary for the juvenile offender to function  
30 effectively and positively in the community;

31 (e) Maximize the efficient delivery of treatment services aimed  
32 at reducing risk factors associated with the commission of juvenile  
33 offenses;

34 (f) Maximize the reintegration of the juvenile offender into the  
35 community upon release from confinement;

36 (g) Maximize the juvenile offender's opportunities to make full  
37 restitution to the victims and amends to the community;

38 (h) Support and encourage increased court discretion in imposing  
39 community-based intervention strategies;

1           (i) Be compatible with research that shows which prevention and  
2 early intervention strategies work with juvenile offenders;  
3           (j) Be outcome-based in that it describes what outcomes will be  
4 achieved or what outcomes have already been achieved;  
5           (k) Include an evaluation component; and  
6           (l) Recognize the diversity of local needs.  
7           (5) The state law and justice advisory council may provide  
8 support and technical assistance to local governments for training  
9 and education regarding community-based prevention and intervention  
10 strategies.

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