

3 By Representatives Leonard and Padden

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5 On page 63, after line 24 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 206. RCW 13.32A.150 and 1990 c 276 s 10 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section the juvenile court  
9 shall not accept the filing of an alternative residential placement  
10 petition by the child or the parents or the filing of an at-risk youth  
11 petition by the parent, unless verification is provided that a family  
12 assessment has been completed by the department. The family assessment  
13 shall be aimed at family reconciliation and avoidance of the out-of-  
14 home placement of the child. If the department is unable to complete  
15 an assessment within two working days following a request for  
16 assessment the child or the parents may proceed under subsection (2) of  
17 this section or the parent may proceed under subsection (3) of this  
18 section.

19 (2) A child or a child's parent may file with the juvenile court a  
20 petition to approve an alternative residential placement for the child  
21 outside the parent's home. The department shall, when requested,  
22 assist either a parent or child in the filing of the petition. The  
23 petition shall only ask that the placement of a child outside the home  
24 of his or her parent be approved. The filing of a petition to approve  
25 such placement is not dependent upon the court's having obtained any  
26 prior jurisdiction over the child or his or her parent, and confers  
27 upon the court a special jurisdiction to approve or disapprove an  
28 alternative residential placement.

1 (3) A child's parent may file with the juvenile court a petition in  
2 the interest of a child alleged to be an at-risk youth. The department  
3 shall, when requested, assist the parent in filing the petition. The  
4 petition shall be filed in the county where the petitioning parent  
5 resides. The petition shall set forth the name, age, and residence of  
6 the child and the names and residence of the child's parents and shall  
7 allege that:

8 (a) The child is an at-risk youth as defined in this chapter;

9 (b) The petitioning parent has the right to legal custody of the  
10 child;

11 (c) Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the  
12 parent to maintain the care, custody, and control of the child; and

13 (d) Alternatives to court intervention have been attempted or there  
14 is good cause why such alternatives have not been attempted.

15 The petition shall set forth facts that support the allegations in  
16 this subsection and shall generally request relief available under this  
17 chapter. The petition need not specify any proposed disposition  
18 following adjudication of the petition. The filing of an at-risk youth  
19 petition is not dependent upon the court's having obtained any prior  
20 jurisdiction over the child or his or her parent and confers upon the  
21 court the special jurisdiction to assist the parent in maintaining  
22 parental authority and responsibility for the child. An at-risk youth  
23 petition may not be filed if the court has approved an alternative  
24 residential placement petition regarding the child or if the child is  
25 the subject of a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW. A petition may be  
26 accepted for filing only if alternatives to court intervention have  
27 been attempted ~~((or if there is good cause why they were not  
28 attempted))~~. Juvenile court personnel may screen all at-risk youth  
29 petitions and may refuse to allow the filing of any petition that lacks

1 merit, fails to comply with the requirements of this section, or fails  
2 to allege sufficient facts in support of allegations in the petition."

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6 On page 84, line 16 of the title amendment, after "13.32A.140,"  
7 insert "13.32A.150,"