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On page 2, line 6 of the amendment, after "force" insert

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"created in section 1 of this act"

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On page 3, after line 3, strike all material down to and including "emergency." on line 18 and insert:

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"NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The legislature finds that an increasing number of children are entering the state's public schools with learning impairments caused by the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by their mothers during pregnancy. Many of these children suffer from mental retardation, poor social abilities, low cognitive skills, attention deficit disorders, hyperactivity, or speech problems.

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The legislature further finds that educating these children will require additional resources, and perhaps new educational strategies and techniques. The extent of these additional resources and the most appropriate strategies and techniques are not known at this time. If additional resources are not provided, teachers will be required to devote significant time to these students to the detriment of other children in the classroom.

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The legislature further finds that many of these learning impairments are preventable, and that increased parental education

1 on the effects of substance abuse during pregnancy would aid in
2 reducing the number of children with learning impairments."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The task force on the children of
4 substance abusers is created. The task force shall:

5 (1) Consult with the task force created in section 1 of this
6 act to identify current methods of data collection and reporting
7 about children in Washington born affected by alcohol or drugs;

8 (2) Determine, to the extent feasible with available
9 resources, the current and projected number of children in
10 Washington born affected by alcohol or drugs, and estimate the
11 number that can be expected to have learning impairments during
12 school age;

13 (3) Investigate the nature of the special needs of children
14 born affected by alcohol or drugs;

15 (4) Identify the categories of education and social services
16 in the state likely to be significantly affected by changes in the
17 number of children born affected by alcohol or drugs;

18 (5) Identify current public education and social service
19 programs designed to address the special needs of children born
20 affected by alcohol or drugs, including, to the extent feasible,
21 total expenditures and number of children served;

22 (6) Identify current educational and treatment programs
23 designed to reduce substance abuse during pregnancy, including, to
24 the extent feasible, total expenditures and number of women served;
25 and

1 (7) Based on the findings in subsections (1) through (6) of
2 this section:

3 (a) Examine implications for the public school system and
4 social services in Washington;

5 (b) Investigate promising models for addressing the needs of
6 children born affected by alcohol or drugs within the public
7 education and social service settings, including, to the extent
8 feasible, estimates of cost per child;

9 (c) Investigate ways to reduce the problem of substance abuse
10 during pregnancy, including, but not limited to, ways to reduce the
11 social acceptance of alcohol and drug use during pregnancy and ways
12 to reduce the availability of harmful substances to pregnant women;

13 (d) Investigate such related issues as the task force deems
14 appropriate; and

15 (e) Develop recommendations for state action."

16 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) Membership on the task force
17 created in section 5 of this act shall include representatives from
18 the:

19 (a) Senate, one each from the majority and minority parties,
20 selected by the president of the senate;

21 (b) House of representatives, one each from the majority and
22 minority parties, selected by the speaker of the house of
23 representatives;

24 (c) Office of the superintendent of public instruction;

- 1 (d) Department of health;
- 2 (e) County health departments;
- 3 (f) Department of social and health services;
- 4 (g) University of Washington's center for child development
5 and mental retardation;
- 6 (h) Washington education association;
- 7 (i) Association of Washington school principals;
- 8 (j) Washington state school directors' association;
- 9 (k) Washington association of school administrators;
- 10 (l) Washington state parent-teachers association;
- 11 (m) Learning disability association of Washington;
- 12 (n) Department of community development;
- 13 (o) Chemical dependency associations, not more than three
14 representatives; and
- 15 (p) Private advocacy groups serving families and children, not
16 more than three representatives.
- 17 (2) Organizations shall select their respective
18 representatives. The task force shall select a chair from among
19 its members at its first meeting.
- 20 (3) All task force members shall be appointed within twenty
21 days and the first meeting of the task force shall be within thirty
22 days of the effective date of this act."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Staff support for the task force
24 created in section 5 of this act shall be provided by the office of

1 the superintendent of public instruction."

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The task force created in section 5
3 of this act shall report its final findings and recommendations to
4 the appropriate standing committees of the legislature before
5 December 1, 1991."

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This act shall expire December 31,
7 1991."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. This act is necessary for the
9 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
10 support of the state government and its existing public
11 institutions, and shall take effect immediately."

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14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "sections;" strike
15 "making an appropriation; and"

16 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "date" insert "; and
17 declaring an emergency"