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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature finds
8 that chemical drug exposure during pregnancy jeopardizes the long-term
9 health and well-being of infants. The legislature declares that
10 adequate medical care during and after pregnancy, chemical abuse
11 treatment for pregnant women, and other support services for the child
12 and mother are needed to minimize the adverse effects of chemical
13 abuse. The legislature has demonstrated its commitment to providing
14 these services through a significant expansion of maternity care and
15 child health services. It has also expanded chemical abuse treatment
16 and support services for pregnant women through the enhancement of
17 inpatient and outpatient services, transitional housing, case
18 management, and child care. The legislature further finds that early
19 identification through medical assessment of chemically exposed infants
20 can reduce long-term adverse medical, social, and economic consequences
21 only when such identification results in the provision of needed
22 medical and support services. It further declares that well integrated
23 and coordinated delivery of services to mothers and infants is
24 essential to promote the long-term health and well-being of chemically
25 exposed infants."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the
2 terms in this section have the meanings indicated unless the context
3 clearly requires otherwise.

4 (1) "Drug" means a controlled substance under chapter 69.50 RCW
5 used for nonmedical purposes.

6 (2) "Health care facility" means a hospital as licensed in chapter
7 70.41 RCW.

8 (3) "Infant drug exposure assessment" means a procedure established
9 in rule by the state board of health and conducted by a health care
10 facility for screening and assessing newborn infants and mothers to
11 identify those who have been exposed to drugs prior to birth.

12 (4) "Nonmedical purpose" means use of a controlled substance as
13 defined in chapter 69.50 RCW for purposes other than prescribed by an
14 authorized health care practitioner as defined in RCW 69.50.101."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. ASSESSMENTS--UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
16 ACTIVITIES. The University of Washington, in consultation with the
17 state department of health, shall establish standards for conducting
18 infant drug exposure assessments to determine possible drug exposure of
19 infants prior to birth. Such standards may be updated from time to
20 time. To the extent possible, the standards shall assure accurate,
21 fair, and consistent medical assessments of newborn infants. The
22 department of health shall make available to every health care facility
23 the standards for the purposes of conducting such assessments at those
24 facilities."

25 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. ASSESSMENTS--USE--CONFIDENTIALITY OF
26 ASSESSMENTS. (1) Health care facilities may conduct infant drug
27 exposure assessments of newborn infants delivered at the facility to
28 determine the presence of drugs acquired through exposure from the

1 mother. Such assessments should be initiated prior to the discharge of
2 the infant. The purpose of the assessment shall be to determine the
3 need for immediate and postdischarge medical care, drug treatment, and
4 support services for the mother and child.

5 (2) The results of the infant drug exposure assessments shall not
6 be used in any criminal proceeding as evidence of either guilt or
7 innocence."

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** INTERAGENCY COORDINATION OF SERVICE
9 DELIVERY. The department of social and health services and the
10 department of health shall assure that the delivery of available
11 services to chemically dependent pregnant women and chemically
12 dependent mothers and infants are coordinated so that (1) all available
13 medical and support services offered through or paid by the agencies
14 are provided to the extent of available resources, (2) existing
15 community-based services are identified and utilized, (3) to the extent
16 feasible, services be offered jointly to the mother and infant in a
17 manner that promotes and preserves positive bonding of the mother and
18 infant, (4) possible long-term developmental disabilities are
19 identified early to minimize adverse health consequences, and (5) the
20 department of social and health services and the department of health
21 are able to track clients and the services they receive across programs
22 and agency lines."

23 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.
24 The department of health may consult with the University of Washington
25 and the disciplining authorities for each health care profession under
26 RCW 18.130.040 whose license holders provide prenatal, obstetrical, and
27 pediatric services and may prepare and distribute appropriate
28 educational material to such license holders on the effects of

1 substance abuse by pregnant women. The training and education may
2 include information on identifying signs of drug usage, the effects of
3 drug exposure, conducting medical assessments as provided for by this
4 chapter, and referring patients to appropriate treatment and services."

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** CAPTIONS NOT LAW. Section captions as used
6 in this act constitute no part of the law."

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW."

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or
10 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
11 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the University of
12 Washington for the purposes of this act."

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16 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "drugs;" strike the remainder
17 of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; creating
18 a new section; and making an appropriation."