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1 AN ACT Relating to early intervention services for infants and
2 toddlers; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is
5 an urgent and substantial need to:

6 (a) Enhance the development of all infants and toddlers with
7 disabilities in the state of Washington in order to minimize
8 developmental delay and maximize individual potential for adult
9 independence and enhance the capacity of families to meet the needs of
10 their infants and toddlers with disabilities and maintain family
11 integrity;

12 (b) Coordinate and enhance the state's existing early intervention
13 services to ensure a state-wide, community-based, coordinated,

1 interagency program of early intervention services for infants and
2 toddlers with disabilities and their families; and

3 (c) Facilitate the coordination of payment for early intervention
4 services from federal, state, local, and private sources including
5 public and private insurance coverage.

6 (2) For the purposes of implementing this chapter, the governor
7 shall appoint a state birth-to-six interagency coordinating council and
8 ensure that state agencies involved in the provision of, or payment
9 for, early intervention services to infants and toddlers with
10 disabilities and their families shall coordinate and collaborate in the
11 planning and delivery of such services.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** No state or local agency currently
13 providing early intervention services to infants and toddlers with
14 disabilities may use funds appropriated for early intervention services
15 for infants and toddlers with disabilities to supplant funds from other
16 sources. No state or local agency may delay, interrupt, or divert
17 funds appropriated for early intervention programs for infants and
18 toddlers with disabilities from those programs.

19 All state and local agencies shall ensure that the implementation
20 of this chapter will not cause any interruption in existing early
21 intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

22 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the
23 restriction or reduction of eligibility under Title V of the Social
24 Security Act, P.L. 90-248, relating to maternal and child health or
25 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, P.L. 89-97, relating to medicaid
26 for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** State and local agencies or entities
28 receiving public money for providing or paying for early intervention

1 services shall enter into formal interagency agreements that define
2 their relationships and financial responsibilities in the provision of
3 services within each county. Such interagency agreements must include
4 procedures for resolving disputes and all additional components
5 necessary to ensure collaboration and coordination.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state birth-to-six interagency
7 coordinating council shall identify and work with county early
8 childhood interagency coordinating councils to coordinate and enhance
9 existing early intervention services and assist each community to meet
10 the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
12 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.