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1 AN ACT Relating to teen pregnancy prevention; adding a new chapter
2 to Title 70 RCW; creating a new section; making appropriations; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS AND STATE POLICY. (1) The
6 legislature finds that:

7 (a) Each year in Washington approximately fifteen thousand teenage
8 girls become pregnant;

9 (b) The public cost of adolescent pregnancy is substantial. Eighty
10 percent of teen prenatal care and deliveries are publicly funded. Over
11 fifty percent of the women on public assistance became mothers as
12 teenagers; and

13 (c) The personal costs of adolescent pregnancy can be socially and
14 economically overwhelming. These too young mothers are often unable to
15 finish high school. Their economic potential is diminished, their
16 probability of dependence on public assistance increases, and their
17 children are more likely to grow up in poverty. The cycle of teen
18 mothers raising children in poverty jeopardizes their future
19 educational opportunity and economic viability of future generations.

1 (2) The legislature therefore declares that in the interest of
2 health, welfare, and economics, it is the policy of the state to reduce
3 the incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy. To reduce the rate of teen
4 pregnancy in Washington, the legislature hereby:

5 (a) Establishes four-year projects to prevent teen pregnancy;

6 (b) Initiates a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign;

7 (c) Increases funding for family planning education, outreach, and
8 services; and

9 (d) Expands medicaid eligibility for postpartum family planning
10 services.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly
12 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout
13 this chapter.

14 (1) "Community" means an individual political subdivision of the
15 state, a group of such political subdivisions, or a geographic area
16 within a political subdivision.

17 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS. There
19 is established in the department a program to coordinate and fund
20 community-based teen pregnancy prevention projects. Selection of
21 projects shall be made competitively based upon compliance with the
22 requirements of sections 4 and 5 of this act. To the extent
23 practicable, the projects shall be geographically distributed
24 throughout the state. Criteria shall be established by the department
25 in consultation with other state agencies and groups involved in teen
26 pregnancy prevention.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--
28 REQUIREMENTS. (1) Each project shall be designed to reduce the
29 incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy in the defined community, and may
30 include preteens.

31 (2) At least fifty percent of the funding for teen pregnancy
32 prevention projects shall be community matching funds provided by
33 private or public entities. In-kind contributions such as, but not
34 limited to, staff, materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be
35 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the communities.

1 (3) Each project shall be evaluated solely on the rate by which the
2 teen pregnancy and birth rates in the community are reduced, measured
3 from the rates prior to the implementation of the project.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--
5 APPLICATIONS. Applications for teen pregnancy prevention project
6 funding shall:

7 (1) Define the community requesting funding;

8 (2) Designate a lead agency or organization for the project;

9 (3) Contain evidence of the active participation of entities in the
10 community that will participate in the project;

11 (4) Demonstrate the participation of teens in the development of
12 the project;

13 (5) Describe the specific activities that will be undertaken by the
14 project;

15 (6) Identify the community matching funds required under section 4
16 of this act;

17 (7) Include statistics on teen birth rates in the community over at
18 least the past five years;

19 (8) Include components that will demonstrate sensitivity to
20 religious, cultural, and socioeconomic differences; and

21 (9) Include components giving emphasis to the importance of sexual
22 abstinence as a method of pregnancy prevention, as provided in RCW
23 28A.230.070 and 70.24.210.

24 The department shall not discriminate against applicants for teen
25 pregnancy prevention project funding based on the type of pregnancy
26 prevention strategies and services included in the applicant's
27 proposal.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** REPORT. The department shall submit an
29 annual report on the state's teen birth rate over the previous five
30 years, both state-wide and in the specific communities in which teen
31 pregnancy prevention projects are located, to the appropriate standing
32 committees of the legislature in the years 1995 through 1999.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN.
34 The department shall develop a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign
35 in collaboration with major media organizations and other organizations
36 and corporations interested in playing a positive and constructive role

1 in their communities. The media campaign shall be designed to reduce
2 the incidence of teen pregnancies. The media campaign shall be
3 directed to teens, their parents, and individuals and organizations
4 working with teens. The department may subcontract all or part of the
5 activities associated with the media campaign to qualified private,
6 nonprofit organizations.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
8 expire June 30, 1999.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The sum of dollars, or as much
10 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to
11 the department of health, for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, to
12 carry out the purposes of sections 1 through 6 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The sum of dollars, or as much
14 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to
15 the department of health, for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, to
16 carry out the purposes of section 7 of this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The sum of dollars, or as much
18 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
19 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of health for
20 the purpose of increasing family planning services.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The sum of dollars, or as much
22 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
23 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the medical assistance
24 administration in the department of social and health services for the
25 purpose of increasing family planning outreach and education.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The sum of dollars, or as much
27 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
28 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the medical assistance
29 administration in the department of social and health services for the
30 purpose of extending eligibility for family planning benefits through
31 the last day of the twelfth month from the day pregnancy ends for women
32 eligible for medical care under chapter 74.09 RCW on the date the
33 pregnancy ends.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Captions as used in this act constitute no
4 part of the law.

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