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1 AN ACT Relating to school-aged child care programs; and creating
2 new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a large
5 proportion of school-aged children in the state of Washington are not
6 under the care and supervision of an adult before and after school and
7 during school vacations while their parents work or are engaged in
8 educational programs. As a result, the health, safety, and well-being
9 of these children are at considerable risk during these hours. The
10 legislature recognizes the need to encourage and facilitate the
11 development of school-aged child care programs throughout the state for
12 the benefit of the state's families. The legislature, therefore,
13 intends to develop a plan for a state-wide system of school-aged child
14 care programs.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The child care coordinating committee
16 established under RCW 74.13.090 shall develop a plan for a state-wide
17 system of school-aged child care programs. The child care coordinating
18 committee shall ensure the involvement of school-aged child care

1 providers, either public or private, or both, including those who are
2 not current members of the child care coordinating committee, in the
3 development of the plan. The plan must include, but is not limited to:

4 (1) A statement of the current need for before-and-after school and
5 school vacation care programs in this state;

6 (2) Identification of the children that should be targeted for
7 school-aged child care programs;

8 (3) How local communities can involve parents and interested groups
9 in identifying and addressing local needs for school-aged child care
10 programs;

11 (4) Standards for quality programming during the hours of operation
12 of school-aged child care;

13 (5) Recommendations for school-aged child care health and safety
14 standards;

15 (6) Recommendations for the administration of the programs,
16 including transportation if recommendations include off-site care
17 programs;

18 (7) Recommendations regarding funding and parent-pay policies; and

19 (8) Recommendations on the policy and role of the state in school-
20 aged child care programs.

21 The child care coordinating committee shall submit its plan to the
22 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1993.

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