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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following:
- 7 "Sec. 1. RCW 13.32A.010 and 1979 c 155 s 15 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 The legislature finds that within any group of people there exists 10 a need for guidelines for acceptable behavior and that, presumptively,
- 11 <u>the</u> experience and maturity ((are)) <u>of parents make them</u> better
- 12 ((qualifications for establishing)) qualified to establish guidelines
- 13 beneficial to and protective of ((individual members and the group as
- 15 Deficilitian to and protective of ((individual members and the group as
- 14 a whole than are youth and inexperience)) <u>their children</u>. The
- 15 legislature further finds that it is the right and responsibility of
- 16 adults to establish laws for the benefit and protection of the society;
- 17 and that, in the same manner, the right and responsibility for
- 18 establishing reasonable guidelines for the family unit belongs to the
- 19 adults within that unit. Further, absent abuse or neglect, parents
- 20 should have the right to exercise control over their children. The
- 21 legislature reaffirms its position stated in RCW 13.34.020 that the
- 22 family unit is the fundamental resource of American life which should
- 23 be nurtured and that it should remain intact in the absence of
- 24 compelling evidence to the contrary.
- 25 The legislature recognizes there is a need for services and
- 26 <u>assistance</u> for parents and children who are in conflict. These
- 27 conflicts are manifested by children who exhibit various behaviors
- 28 including: Running away, substance abuse, serious acting out problems,
- 29 mental health needs, and other behaviors that endanger themselves or
- 30 others.
- 31 The legislature finds many parents do not know their rights
- 32 regarding their adolescent children and law enforcement. Parents and
- 33 courts feel they have insufficient legal recourse for the chronic
- 34 runaway child who is endangering himself or herself through his or her
- 35 behavior. The legislature further recognizes that for chronic runaways
- 36 whose behavior puts them in serious danger of harming themselves or

- 1 others, secure facilities must be provided to allow opportunities for
- 2 assessment, treatment, and to assist parents and protect their
- 3 children. The legislature intends to give tools to parents, courts,
- 4 and law enforcement to keep families together and reunite them whenever
- 5 possible.
- 6 The legislature recognizes that some children run away to protect
- 7 themselves from abuse or neglect in their homes. Abused and neglected
- 8 children should be dealt with pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and it is
- 9 not the intent of the legislature to handle dependency matters under
- 10 this chapter.
- 11 The legislature intends services offered under this chapter be on
- 12 <u>a voluntary basis whenever possible to children and their families and</u>
- 13 that the courts be used as a last resort.
- 14 The legislature intends to increase the safety of children through
- 15 the preservation of families and the provision of assessment,
- 16 treatment, and placement services for children in need of services and
- 17 <u>at-risk youth including services and assessments conducted under</u>
- 18 chapter 13.32A RCW and RCW 74.13.033. Within available funds, the
- 19 <u>legislature intends to provide these services through crisis</u>
- 20 residential centers in which children and youth may safely reside for
- 21 a limited period of time. The time in residence shall be used to
- 22 conduct an assessment of the needs of the children, youth, and their
- 23 families. The assessments are necessary to identify appropriate
- 24 services and placement options that will reduce the likelihood that
- 25 children will place themselves in dangerous or life-threatening
- 26 <u>situations</u>.
- 27 The legislature recognizes that crisis residential centers provide
- 28 an opportunity for children to receive short-term necessary support and
- 29 nurturing in cases where there may be abuse or neglect. The
- 30 legislature intends that center staff provide an atmosphere of concern,
- 31 care, and respect for children in the center and their parents.
- 32 The legislature intends to provide for the protection of children
- 33 who, through their behavior, are endangering themselves. The
- 34 legislature intends to provide appropriate residential services,
- 35 including secure facilities, to protect, stabilize, and treat children
- 36 with serious problems. The legislature further intends to empower
- 37 parents by providing them with the assistance they require to raise
- 38 their children.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act may be known and cited as the 1 2 "Becca bill."
- 3 Sec. 3. RCW 13.32A.030 and 1990 c 276 s 3 are each amended to read 4 as follows:
- As used in this chapter the following terms have the meanings 5 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 6
 - (1) <u>"At-risk youth" means a juvenile:</u>

- 8 (a) Who is absent from home for at least seventy-two consecutive hours without consent of his or her parent; 9
- (b) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the 10 child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child 11 12 or any other person; or
- 13 (c) Who has a substance abuse problem for which there are no 14 pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.
- (2) "Child," "juvenile," and "youth" mean any unemancipated 15 individual who is under the chronological age of eighteen years. 16
- (3) "Child in need of services" means a juvenile: 17
- 18 (a) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child 19 or other person; 20
- (b) Who has been reported to law enforcement as absent without 21 consent for at least twenty-four consecutive hours from the parent's 22 23 home, a crisis residential center, an out-of-home placement, or a court-ordered placement on two or more separate occasions; and 24
- 25 (i) Has exhibited a serious substance abuse problem; or
- (ii) Has exhibited behaviors that create a serious risk of harm to 26 27 the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; or
- 28 (c)(i) Who is in need of necessary services, including food, 29 shelter, health care, clothing, educational, or services designed to maintain or reunite the family; 30
- (ii) Who lacks access, or has declined, to utilize these services; 31 32 and
- 33 (iii) Whose parents have evidenced continuing but unsuccessful efforts to maintain the family structure or are unable or unwilling to 34 35 continue efforts to maintain the family structure.
- (4) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed in 36 37 juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department seeking 38 adjudication of placement of the child.

- 1 (5) "Custodian" means the person or entity who has the legal right 2 to the custody of the child.
- 3 (6) "Department" means the department of social and health 4 services(($\dot{\tau}$
- 5 (2) "Child," "juvenile," and "youth" mean any individual who is 6 under the chronological age of eighteen years;)).
- 7 (((3))) (7) "Extended family member" means an adult who is a 8 grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, or 9 first cousin with whom the child has a relationship and is comfortable, 10 and who is willing and available to care for the child.
- 11 (8) "Guardian" means that person or agency that (a) has been
 12 appointed as the guardian of a child in a legal proceeding other than
 13 a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, and (b) has the right to legal
 14 custody of the child pursuant to such appointment. The term "guardian"
 15 does not include a "dependency guardian" appointed pursuant to a
 16 proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

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- (9) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group formed to provide assistance and support to a child who is an at-risk youth or a child in need of services and his or her parent. The team shall include the parent, a department case worker, a local government representative when authorized by the local government, and when appropriate, members from the mental health and substance abuse disciplines. The team may also include, but is not limited to, the following persons: Educators, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, employers, church persons, tribal members, therapists, medical personnel, social service providers, placement providers, and extended family members. The team members shall be volunteers who do not receive compensation while acting in a capacity as a team member, unless the member's employer chooses to provide compensation or the member is a state employee.
- 30 (10) "Out-of-home placement" means a placement in a foster family
 31 home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW or
 32 placement in a home, other than that of the child's parent, guardian,
 33 or legal custodian, not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter
 34 74.15 RCW.
- 35 (11) "Parent" means the (($\frac{1}{2}$)) parent or parents who have the 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ right to custody of the child. "Parent" includes 37 custodian(($\frac{1}{2}$)) or guardian(($\frac{1}{2}$)).
- ((+4)) (12) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a

- 1 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from
 2 leaving without permission of the facility staff.
- 3 (13) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility, including but not
- 4 limited to crisis residential centers or specialized foster family
- 5 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed
- 6 there will not run away((: PROVIDED, That such facility shall not be
- 7 a secure institution or facility as defined by the federal juvenile
- 8 justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974 (P.L. 93-415; 42 U.S.C.
- 9 Sec. 5634 et seq.) and regulations and clarifying instructions
- 10 promulgated thereunder)). Pursuant to rules established by the
- 11 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable hours
- 12 for residents to come and go from the facility such that no residents
- 13 are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night. To prevent
- 14 residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility administrator,
- 15 where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving the facility upon
- 16 the resident being accompanied by the administrator or the
- 17 administrator's designee and the resident may be required to notify the
- 18 administrator or the administrator's designee of any intent to leave,
- 19 his or her intended destination, and the probable time of his or her
- 20 return to the center. ((The facility administrator shall notify a
- 21 parent and the appropriate law enforcement agency within four hours of
- 22 all unauthorized leaves;
- 23 (5) "At-risk youth" means an individual under the chronological age
- 24 of eighteen years who:
- 25 (a) Is absent from home for more than seventy two consecutive hours
- 26 without consent of his or her parent;
- 27 (b) Is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the
- 28 child's behavior substantially endangers the health, safety, or welfare
- 29 of the child or any other person; or
- 30 (c) Has a serious substance abuse problem for which there are no
- 31 pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.))
- 32 (14) "Temporary out-of-home placement" means an out-of-home
- 33 placement of not more than fourteen days ordered by the court at a
- 34 <u>fact-finding hearing on a child in need of services petition.</u>
- 35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW
- 36 to read as follows:
- Whenever a child in need of services petition is filed by a youth
- 38 pursuant to RCW 13.32A.130, or the department pursuant to RCW

- 1 13.32A.150, the youth or the department shall have a copy of the
- 2 petition served on the parents of the youth. Service shall first be
- 3 attempted in person and if unsuccessful, then by certified mail with
- 4 return receipt.
- 5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.32A.040 and 1994 c 304 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 Families who are in conflict or who are experiencing problems with
- 8 at-risk youth or a child who may be in need of services may request
- 9 family reconciliation services from the department. The department may
- 10 <u>involve a local multidisciplinary team in its response in determining</u>
- 11 the services to be provided and in providing those services. Such
- 12 services shall be provided to alleviate personal or family situations
- 13 which present a serious and imminent threat to the health or stability
- 14 of the child or family and to maintain families intact wherever
- 15 possible. Family reconciliation services shall be designed to develop
- 16 skills and supports within families to resolve problems related to at-
- 17 risk youth, children in need of services, or family conflicts and may
- 18 include but are not limited to referral to services for suicide
- 19 prevention, psychiatric or other medical care, or psychological, mental
- 20 <u>health</u>, <u>drug or alcohol treatment</u>, welfare, legal, educational, or
- 21 other social services, as appropriate to the needs of the child and the
- 22 family. ((Upon a referral by a school or other appropriate agency,))
- 23 Family reconciliation services may also include training in parenting,
- 24 conflict management, and dispute resolution skills.
- 25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.32A.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 505 are each amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:
- $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the
- 29 parent of the child that the child is absent from parental custody
- 30 without consent; or
- 31 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ <u>(b)</u> If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes,
- 32 considering the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a
- 33 child is in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's
- 34 safety or that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or
- (((3))) (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a
- 36 child has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away
- 37 from placement; or

- (((4))) (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the 1 juvenile court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe 2 3 that the child has violated a court placement order issued pursuant to 4 chapter 13.32A RCW or that the court has issued an order for law enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter. 5
- (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of 7 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination authorized by law and to place the child at that destination.

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- 9 ((An officer who takes a child into custody under this section and 10 places the child in a designated crisis residential center shall inform the department of such placement within twenty-four hours.)) 11
- (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody 12 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and 13 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer shall, 14 15 within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons the officer took 16 the child into custody. 17
- (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the juvenile 18 19 into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home because 20 he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made immediately to 21 the department. 22
 - (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.
 - (6) If a law enforcement officer <u>receives a report that causes the</u> officer to have reasonable suspicion that a child is being harbored under RCW 13.32A.080 or for other reasons has a reasonable suspicion that a child is being ((unlawfully)) harbored under RCW 13.32A.080, the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the locations specified in RCW 13.32A.060.
- (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as provided 33 34 in this chapter.
- Sec. 7. RCW 13.32A.060 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 506 are each amended 35 36 to read as follows:

- 1 (1) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 (1) 2 (a) or (((2))) (b) shall inform the child of the reason for such 3 custody and shall either:
- 4 (a) Transport the child to his or her home or to a parent at his or her place of employment, if no parent is at home. The officer 5 releasing a child into the custody of the parent shall inform the 6 parent of the reason for the taking of the child into custody and shall 7 8 inform the child and the parent of the nature and location of 9 appropriate services available in their community. The parent may direct the officer to take the child to the home of an adult extended 10 family member, responsible adult, or a licensed youth shelter. The 11 officer releasing a child into the custody of an adult extended family 12 member, responsible adult, or a licensed youth shelter shall inform the 13 14 child and the person receiving the child of the nature and location of 15 appropriate services available in the community; or
- (b) After attempting to notify the parent, take the child to ((the home of an adult extended family member,)) a designated crisis residential ((center, or the home of a responsible adult after attempting to notify the parent or legal guardian)) center's secure facility or a center's semi-secure facility if a secure facility is full, not available, or not located within a reasonable distance:

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- (i) If the child expresses fear or distress at the prospect of being returned to his or her home which leads the officer to believe there is a possibility that the child is experiencing ((in the home)) some type of child abuse or neglect, as defined in RCW 26.44.020((, as now law or hereafter amended)); or
- (ii) If it is not practical to transport the child to his or her home or place of the parent's employment; or
- 29 (iii) If there is no parent available to accept custody of the 30 child.
- ((The officer releasing a child into the custody of an extended family member or a responsible adult shall inform the child and the extended family member or responsible adult of the nature and location of appropriate services available in the community.))
- 35 (2) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 $((\frac{3}{3}))$ (1) (c) or $(\frac{4}{3})$ (d) shall inform the child of the reason for custody($(\frac{3}{3})$ An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1)(c) shall take the child to a designated crisis residential center's secure facility or, if not available or located

- within a reasonable distance, to a semi-secure facility within a crisis 1 residential center, licensed by the department and established pursuant 2 to chapter 74.13 RCW. ((However,)) An officer taking a child into 3 custody under RCW 13.32A.050(((4)))) (1)(d) may place the child in a 4 juvenile detention facility as provided in RCW 13.32A.065 or a secure 5 facility. The department shall ensure that all ((the)) law enforcement 6 7 authorities are informed on a regular basis as to the location of 8 ((the)) all designated secure and semi-secure facilities within crisis 9 residential center or centers in their ((judicial district)) 10 jurisdiction, where children taken into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 11 may be taken.
- (((3) "Extended family members" means a grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, or first cousin with whom the child has a relationship and is comfortable, and who is willing and available to care for the child.))
- 16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 13.32A.070 and 1986 c 288 s 2 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

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- (1) ((An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 may, at his or her discretion, transport the child to the home of a responsible adult who is other than the child's parent where the officer reasonably believes that the child will be provided with adequate care and supervision and that the child will remain in the custody of such adult until such time as the department can bring about the child's return home or an alternative residential placement can be agreed to or determined pursuant to this chapter. An officer placing a child with a responsible adult other than his or her parent shall immediately notify the department's local community service office of this fact and of the reason for taking the child into custody.
- (2) (2)) A law enforcement officer acting in good faith pursuant to this chapter in failing to take a child into custody, in taking a child into custody, in placing a child in a crisis residential center, or in releasing a child to a person ((other than)) at the request of a parent ((of such child)) is immune from civil or criminal liability for such action.
- (((3))) <u>(2)</u> A person ((other than a parent of such child who receives)) with whom a child is placed pursuant to this chapter and who acts reasonably and in good faith ((in doing so)) is immune from civil or criminal liability for the act of receiving ((such)) the child.

- 1 ((Such)) The immunity does not release ((such)) the person from
- 2 liability under any other law ((including the laws regulating licensed
- 3 child care and prohibiting child abuse)).
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 The parents of a child placed in a crisis residential center shall
- 7 contribute fifty dollars per day, for not more than five consecutive
- 8 days, for the expense of the child's placement. However, the secretary
- 9 may establish a payment schedule that requires a lesser payment based
- 10 on a parent's ability to pay. The payment shall be made to the
- 11 department. No child may be denied placement in, or removed from, a
- 12 crisis residential center based solely on the income of the parent.
- 13 **Sec. 10.** RCW 13.32A.090 and 1990 c 276 s 6 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
- 15 (1) The person in charge of a designated crisis residential center
- 16 or the department ((pursuant to RCW 13.32A.070)) shall perform the
- 17 duties under subsection (2) of this section:
- 18 (a) Upon admitting a child who has been brought to the center by a
- 19 law enforcement officer under RCW 13.32A.060;
- 20 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has
- 21 requested admittance to the center;
- (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.080(3) that the
- 23 person is providing shelter to a child absent from home; or
- 24 (d) Upon learning that a child has been placed with a responsible
- 25 adult pursuant to RCW ((13.32A.070)) <u>13.32A.060</u>.
- 26 (2) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this
- 27 section are present, the person in charge of a center shall perform the
- 28 following duties:
- 29 (a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's
- 30 whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances
- 31 surrounding his or her placement;
- 32 (b) Initially notify the parent that it is the paramount concern of
- 33 the family reconciliation service personnel to achieve a reconciliation
- 34 between the parent and child to reunify the family and inform the
- 35 parent as to the procedures to be followed under this chapter;
- 36 (c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective
- 37 services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard

- 1 pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(12) governing child abuse and neglect in this 2 state;
- 3 (d) Arrange transportation for the child to the residence of the 4 parent, as soon as practicable, at the latter's expense to the extent 5 of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet transportation expenses to 6 be assumed by the department, when the child and his or her parent 7 agrees to the child's return home or when the parent produces a copy of 8 a court order entered under this chapter requiring the child to reside 9 in the parent's home;
- (e) Arrange transportation for the child to an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement which may include a licensed group care facility or foster family when agreed to by the child and parent at the latter's expense to the extent of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet transportation expenses assumed by the department;
- 15 <u>(f) Immediately notify the department of the placement.</u>
- 16 **Sec. 11.** RCW 13.32A.120 and 1990 c 276 s 7 are each amended to 17 read as follows:
- 18 (1) Where either a child or the child's parent or the person or 19 facility currently providing shelter to the child notifies the center that such individual or individuals cannot agree to the continuation of 20 an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement arrived at 21 pursuant to RCW 13.32A.090(2)(e), the center shall immediately contact 22 23 the remaining party or parties to the agreement and shall attempt to 24 bring about the child's return home or to an alternative living 25 arrangement agreeable to the child and the parent as soon as practicable. 26
- (2) If a child and his or her parent cannot agree to an 27 ((alternative residential)) out-of-home 28 placement under RCW 13.32A.090(2)(e), either the child or parent may file with the juvenile 29 court a petition to approve an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home 30 31 placement or the parent may file with the juvenile court a petition in 32 the interest of a child alleged to be an at-risk youth under this 33 chapter.
- 34 (3) If a child and his or her parent cannot agree to the 35 continuation of an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement arrived at under RCW 13.32A.090(2)(e), either the child or parent may 37 file with the juvenile court a petition to approve an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement or the parent may file with the

- 1 juvenile court a petition in the interest of a child alleged to be an 2 at-risk youth under this chapter.
- **Sec. 12.** RCW 13.32A.130 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 508 are each amended 4 to read as follows:
- (1) A child admitted to a secure facility within a crisis residential center ((under this chapter who is not returned to the home of his or her parent or who is not placed in an alternative residential placement under an agreement between the parent and child, shall, except as provided for by RCW 13.32A.140 and 13.32A.160(2), reside in the placement under the rules established for the center for a period not to exceed five consecutive days from the time of intake, except as otherwise provided by this chapter)) shall remain in the facility for not more than five consecutive days, but for at least twenty-four hours after admission.
 - (2)(a)(i) The facility administrator shall determine within twenty-four hours after a child's admission to a secure facility whether the child can be safely admitted to a semi-secure facility and may transfer the child to a semi-secure facility. The determination shall be based on: (A) The need for continued assessment, protection, and treatment of the child in a secure facility; and (B) the likelihood the child would remain at a semi-secure facility until his or her parents can take the child home or a petition can be filed under this title.

- (ii) In making the determination the administrator shall include consideration of the following information if known: (A) A child's age and maturity; (B) the child's condition upon arrival at the center; (C) the circumstances that led to the child's being taken to the center; (D) whether the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; (E) the child's history of running away which has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of the child; and (F) the child's willingness to cooperate in conducting the assessment.
- 32 (b) If the administrator determines the child is unlikely to remain
 33 in a semi-secure facility, the administrator shall keep the child in
 34 the secure facility pursuant to this chapter and in order to provide
 35 for space for the child may transfer another child who has been in the
 36 facility for at least seventy-two hours to a semi-secure facility. The
 37 administrator shall only make a transfer of a child after determining

- that the child who may be transferred is likely to remain at the semisecure facility.
- 3 (c) A crisis residential center administrator is authorized to 4 transfer a child to a crisis residential center in the area where the 5 child's parents reside or where the child's lawfully prescribed 6 residence is located.
- 7 (d) An administrator may transfer a child from a semi-secure 8 facility to a secure facility whenever the administrator reasonably 9 believes that the child is likely to leave the semi-secure facility and 10 not return.
- 11 (3) If no parent is available or willing to remove the child during 12 the five-day period, the department shall consider the filing of a 13 petition under RCW 13.32A.140.
- (4) The requirements of this section shall not apply to a child who is: (a) Returned to the home of his or her parent; (b) placed in a semi-secure facility within a crisis residential center pursuant to a temporary out-of-home placement order authorized under section 44 of this act; (c) placed in an out-of-home placement; or (d) is subject to a petition under section 25 of this act.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this 20 section, the parents may remove the child at any time during the five-21 day period unless the staff of the crisis residential center has 22 reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from the home 23 24 because he or she is abused or neglected or if allegations of abuse or neglect have been made against the parents. The department may remove 25 26 the child whenever a dependency petition is filed under chapter 13.34 27 RCW.
- (6) Crisis residential center staff shall make ((a concerted)) 28 reasonable efforts to protect the child and achieve a reconciliation of 29 30 the family. If a reconciliation and voluntary return of the child has 31 not been achieved within forty-eight hours from the time of intake, and if the person in charge of the center does not consider it likely that 32 reconciliation will be achieved within the five-day period, then the 33 34 person in charge shall inform the parent and child of $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) the 35 availability of counseling services; $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) the right to file a child in need of services petition for an ((alternative residential)) 36 37 out-of-home placement, the right of a parent to file an at-risk youth petition, and the right of the parent and child to obtain assistance in 38 39 filing the petition; (c) the right to request the facility

- administrator or his or her designee to form a multidisciplinary team; and (((3))) (d) the right to request a review of any ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement.
- 4 (7) At no time shall information regarding a parent's or child's rights be withheld ((if requested)). The department shall develop and 5 distribute to all law enforcement agencies and to each crisis 6 7 residential center administrator a written statement delineating the 8 services and rights. Every officer taking a child into custody shall 9 provide the child and his or her parent(s) or responsible adult with 10 whom the child is placed with a copy of the statement. In addition, the administrator of the facility or his or her designee shall provide 11 12 every resident and parent with a copy of the statement.
- 13 (8) A crisis residential center and its administrator or his or her 14 designee acting in good faith in carrying out the provisions of this 15 section are immune from criminal or civil liability for such actions.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW to read as follows:
- (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the child's parent.

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- (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.
- (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not disband the team until the hearing is held under section 20 of this act. The court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is ordered under section 20(3) of this act. Upon the filing of an at-risk youth or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home placement was ordered under section 20(3) of this act.
- (2) The secretary shall request participation of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those agencies that agree to participate

shall provide the secretary all information necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team and the secretary shall provide this information to the administrator of each crisis residential center.

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- (3) The secretary shall designate within each region a department employee who shall have responsibility for coordination of the state response to a request for creation of a multidisciplinary team. The secretary shall advise the administrator of each crisis residential center of the name of the appropriate employee. Upon a request of the administrator to form a multidisciplinary team the employee shall provide a list of the agencies that have agreed to participate in the multidisciplinary team.
- 12 (4) The administrator shall also seek participation from 13 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment 14 providers as appropriate.
- 15 (5) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the 16 17 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law 18 19 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed 20 health care practitioners, social service providers, youth residential placement providers, other family members, church representatives, and 21 members of their own community. The administrator shall assist in 22 23 obtaining the prompt participation of persons requested by the parent 24 or child.
- 25 (6) When an administrator of a crisis residential center requests 26 the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as soon as 27 possible. The team shall have the authority to evaluate the juvenile, 28 and family members, if appropriate and agreed to by the parent, and 29 shall:
- 30 (a) With parental input, develop a plan of appropriate available 31 services and assist the family in obtaining those services;
- 32 (b) Make a referral to the designated chemical dependency 33 specialist or the county designated mental health professional, if 34 appropriate;
- 35 (c) Recommend no further intervention because the juvenile and his 36 or her family have resolved the problem causing the family conflict; or
- 37 (d) With the parent's consent, work with them to achieve 38 reconciliation of the child and family.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A 2 RCW to read as follows:
- 3 (1) The purpose of the multidisciplinary team is to assist in a 4 coordinated referral of the family to available social and health-5 related services.
- 6 (2) At the first meeting of the multidisciplinary team, it shall 7 choose a member to coordinate the team's efforts. The parent member of 8 the multidisciplinary team must agree with the choice of coordinator. 9 The team shall meet or communicate as often as necessary to assist the
- 9 The team shall meet or communicate as often as necessary to assist the 10 family.
- 11 (3) The coordinator of the multidisciplinary team may assist in 12 filing a child in need of services petition when requested by the 13 parent or child or an at-risk youth petition when requested by the 14 parent. The multidisciplinary team shall have no standing as a party 15 in any action under this title.
- 16 (4) If the administrator is unable to contact the child's parent, 17 the multidisciplinary team may be used for assistance. If the parent 18 has not been contacted within five days the administrator shall contact 19 the department and request the case be reviewed for a dependency filing 20 under chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 21 **Sec. 15.** RCW 13.32A.140 and 1990 c 276 s 9 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 The department shall file a <u>child in need of services</u> petition to 24 approve an ((alternative residential)) <u>out-of-home</u> placement on behalf 25 of a child under any of the following sets of circumstances:
- (1) The child has been admitted to a crisis residential center or has been placed with a responsible person other than his or her parent, and:
- 29 (a) The parent has been notified that the child was so admitted or 30 placed;
- 31 (b) Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, 32 have passed since such notification;
- 33 (c) No agreement between the parent and the child as to where the 34 child shall live has been reached;
- (d) No <u>child in need of services</u> petition ((requesting approval of an alternative residential placement)) has been filed by either the child or parent ((or legal custodian));
- 38 (e) The parent has not filed an at-risk youth petition; and

- 1 (f) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of 2 his or her parent.
 - (2) The child has been admitted to a crisis residential center and:
- 4 (a) Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays,
- 5 have passed since such placement;

- 6 (b) The staff, after searching with due diligence, have been unable 7 to contact the parent of such child; and
- 8 (c) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of 9 his or her parent.
- 10 (3) An agreement between parent and child made pursuant to RCW 11 13.32A.090(2)(e) or pursuant to RCW 13.32A.120(1) is no longer
- 12 acceptable to parent or child, and:
- 13 (a) The party to whom the arrangement is no longer acceptable has 14 so notified the department;
- 15 (b) Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, 16 have passed since such notification;
- 17 (c) No new agreement between parent and child as to where the child 18 shall live has been reached;
- 19 (d) No <u>child in need of services</u> petition ((requesting approval of 20 an alternative residential placement)) has been filed by either the 21 child or the parent;
- (e) The parent has not filed an at-risk youth petition; and
- 23 (f) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of 24 his or her parent.
- 25 Under the circumstances of subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this
- 26 section, the child shall remain in ((a licensed child care facility,
- 27 including but not limited to a crisis residential center, or in any
- 28 other suitable residence to be determined by the department until)) an
- 29 ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement until a child in need
- 30 of services petition filed by the department on behalf of the child is
- 31 reviewed by the juvenile court and is resolved by such court. The
- 32 department may authorize emergency medical or dental care for a child
- 33 placed under this section. The state, when the department files a
- 34 <u>child in need of services</u> petition ((for alternative residential
- 35 placement)) under this section, shall be represented as provided for in
- 36 RCW 13.04.093.
- 37 <u>If the department files a petition under this section, the</u>
- 38 <u>department shall submit in a supporting affidavit any information</u>
- 39 provided under section 38 of this act.

- 1 **Sec. 16.** RCW 13.32A.150 and 1992 c 205 s 208 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- 3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this ((section)) chapter, the 4 juvenile court shall not accept the filing of ((an alternative residential placement)) a child in need of services petition by the 5 child or the parents or the filing of an at-risk youth petition by the 6 7 parent, unless verification is provided that a family assessment has 8 been completed by the department. The family assessment provided by 9 the department shall involve the multidisciplinary team as provided in RCW 13.32A.040, if one exists. 10 The family assessment or plan of services developed by the multidisciplinary team shall be aimed at 11 family reconciliation, reunification, and avoidance of the out-of-home 12 placement of the child. If the department is unable to complete an 13 assessment within two working days following a request for assessment 14 15 the child or the parents may proceed under subsection (2) of this 16 section or the parent may proceed under ((subsection (3) of this)) section 25 of this act. 17
 - (2) A child or a child's parent may file with the juvenile court a child in need of services petition to approve an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement for the child ((outside the parent's home)). The department shall, when requested, assist either a parent or child in the filing of the petition. The petition shall only ask that the placement of a child outside the home of his or her parent be approved. The filing of a petition to approve ((such)) the placement is not dependent upon the court's having obtained any prior jurisdiction over the child or his or her parent, and confers upon the court a special jurisdiction to approve or disapprove an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement.

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- (((3) A child's parent may file with the juvenile court a petition
 in the interest of a child alleged to be an at-risk youth. The
 department shall, when requested, assist the parent in filing the
 petition. The petition shall be filed in the county where the
 petitioning parent resides. The petition shall set forth the name,
 age, and residence of the child and the names and residence of the
 child's parents and shall allege that:
 - (a) The child is an at-risk youth as defined in this chapter;
- 37 (b) The petitioning parent has the right to legal custody of the 38 child;

1 (c) Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the 2 parent to maintain the care, custody, and control of the child; and

(d) Alternatives to court intervention have been attempted or there is good cause why such alternatives have not been attempted.

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The petition shall set forth facts that support the allegations in this subsection and shall generally request relief available under this chapter. The petition need not specify any proposed disposition following adjudication of the petition. The filing of an at-risk youth petition is not dependent upon the court's having obtained any prior jurisdiction over the child or his or her parent and confers upon the court the special jurisdiction to assist the parent in maintaining parental authority and responsibility for the child. An at-risk youth petition may not be filed if the court has approved an alternative residential placement petition regarding the child or if the child is the subject of a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW. A petition may be accepted for filing only if alternatives to court intervention have been attempted. Juvenile court personnel may screen all at risk youth petitions and may refuse to allow the filing of any petition that lacks merit, fails to comply with the requirements of this section, or fails to allege sufficient facts in support of allegations in the petition.))

21 **Sec. 17.** RCW 13.32A.160 and 1990 c 276 s 11 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

23 (1) When a proper child in need of services petition to approve an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement is filed under RCW 24 25 13.32A.120, 13.32A.140, or 13.32A.150 the juvenile court shall: Schedule a ((date for a)) fact-finding hearing to be held within three 26 27 judicial days; notify the parent, child, and the department of such date; (b) notify the parent of the right to be represented by counsel 28 29 and, if indigent, to have counsel appointed for him or her by the court; (c) appoint legal counsel for the child; (d) inform the child 30 and his or her parent of the legal consequences of the court approving 31 or disapproving an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement 32 petition; (e) notify the parents of their rights under this chapter and 33 chapters 11.88, 13.34, 70.96A, and 71.34 RCW, including the right to 34 file an at-risk youth petition, the right to submit on application for 35 36 admission of their child to a treatment facility for alcohol, chemical 37 dependency, or mental health treatment, and the right to file a 38 guardianship petition; and ((e))) (f) notify all parties, including

- 1 the department, of their right to present evidence at the fact-finding
 2 hearing.
- 3 (2) Upon filing of ((an alternative residential placement)) a child 4 in need of services petition, the child may be placed, if not already 5 placed, by the department in a crisis residential center, foster family 6 home, group home facility licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW, or any 7 other suitable residence to be determined by the department.
- (3) If the child has been placed in a foster family home or group care facility under chapter 74.15 RCW, the child shall remain there, or in any other suitable residence as determined by the department, pending resolution of the ((alternative residential placement)) petition by the court. Any placement may be reviewed by the court within three ((court)) judicial days upon the request of the juvenile or the juvenile's parent.
- 15 **Sec. 18.** RCW 13.32A.170 and 1989 c 269 s 3 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- (1) The court shall hold a fact-finding hearing to consider a 17 18 proper child in need of services petition ((and may approve or deny alternative residential placement)), giving due weight to the intent of 19 the legislature that families have the right to place reasonable 20 restrictions and rules upon their children, appropriate to the 21 individual child's developmental level. The court may appoint legal 22 23 counsel and/or a guardian ad litem to represent the child and advise 24 parents of their right to be represented by legal counsel. 25 may approve an order stating that the child shall be placed in a residence other than the home of his or her parent only if it is 26 established by a preponderance of the evidence, including a 27 departmental recommendation for approval or dismissal of the petition, 28 29 that:
- 30 (a) The petition is not capricious;
- 31 (b) The petitioner, if a ((parent or the)) child, has made a 32 reasonable effort to resolve the conflict;
- 33 (c) The conflict ((which exists)) cannot be resolved by delivery of 34 services to the family during continued placement of the child in the 35 parental home;
- 36 (d) Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the 37 need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it 38 possible for the child to return home; and

(e) A suitable out-of-home placement resource is available.

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 The court may not grant a petition filed by the child or the department if it is established that the petition is based only upon a dislike of reasonable rules or reasonable discipline established by the parent.

- (2) ((The order approving out-of-home placement shall direct the department to submit a disposition plan for a three-month placement of the child that is designed to reunite the family and resolve the family conflict. Such plan shall delineate any conditions or limitations on parental involvement. In making the order, the court shall further direct the department to make recommendations, as to which agency or person should have physical custody of the child, as to which parental powers should be awarded to such agency or person, and as to parental visitation rights. The court may direct the department to consider the cultural heritage of the child in making its recommendations.
- (3) The hearing to consider the recommendations of the department for a three-month disposition plan shall be set no later than fourteen days after the approval of the court of a petition to approve alternative residential placement. Each party shall be notified of the time and place of such disposition hearing.
- (4) If the court approves or denies a petition for an alternative residential placement, a written statement of the reasons shall be filed. If the court denies a petition requesting that a child be placed in a residence other than the home of his or her parent, the court shall enter an order requiring the child to remain at or return to the home of his or her parent.
- (5) If the court denies the petition, the court shall impress upon the party filing the petition of the legislative intent to restrict the proceedings to situations where a family conflict is so great that it cannot be resolved by the provision of in-home services.
- 31 (6) A child who fails to comply with a court order directing that
 32 the child remain at or return to the home of his or her parent shall be
 33 subject to contempt proceedings, as provided in this chapter, but only
 34 if the noncompliance occurs within ninety calendar days after the day
 35 of the order.
 - (7) The department may request, and the juvenile court may grant, dismissal of an alternative residential placement order when it is not feasible for the department to provide services due to one or more of the following circumstances:

- 1 (a) The child has been absent from court approved placement for 2 thirty consecutive days or more;
- 3 (b) The parents or the child, or all of them, refuse to cooperate
 4 in available, appropriate intervention aimed at reunifying the family;
 5 or
- 6 (c) The department has exhausted all available and appropriate
 7 resources that would result in reunification.))

Following the fact-finding hearing the court shall: (a) Enter a temporary out-of-home placement for a period not to exceed fourteen days pending approval of a disposition decision to be made under section 20(2) of this act; (b) approve an at-risk youth petition filed by the parents; (c) dismiss the petition; or (d) order the department to review the case to determine whether the case is appropriate for a dependency petition under chapter 13.34 RCW.

15 **Sec. 19.** RCW 13.32A.175 and 1987 c 435 s 13 are each amended to 16 read as follows:

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In any proceeding in which the court approves an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement, the court shall inquire into the ability of parents to contribute to the child's support. If the court finds that the parents are able to contribute to the support of the child, the court shall order them to make such support payments as the court deems equitable. The court may enforce such an order by execution or in any way in which a court of equity may enforce its orders. However, payments shall not be required of a parent who has both opposed the placement and continuously sought reconciliation with, and the return of, the child. All orders entered in a proceeding approving ((alternative residential)) out-of-home placement shall be in compliance with the provisions of RCW 26.23.050.

- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW to read as follows:
- 31 (1) A hearing shall be held no later than fourteen days after the 32 approval of the temporary out-of-home placement. The parents, child, 33 and department shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing.
- (2) At the commencement of the hearing the court shall advise the parents of their rights as set forth in RCW 13.32A.160(1)(e). If the court approves or denies a child in need of services petition, a written statement of the reasons shall be filed. At the conclusion of

- the hearing the court may: (a) Reunite the family and dismiss the petition; (b) approve an at-risk youth petition filed by the parents; (c) approve a voluntary out-of-home placement requested by the parents; (d) order any conditions set forth in RCW 13.32A.196(2); or (e) order the department to file a petition for dependency under chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 7 (3) At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court has not taken 8 action under subsection (2) of this section it may, at the request of 9 the child or department, enter an order for out-of-home placement for 10 not more than ninety days. The court may only enter an order under this subsection if it finds by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence 11 12 that: (a)(i) The order is in the best interest of the family; (ii) the 13 parents have not requested an out-of-home placement; (iii) the parents have not exercised any other right listed in RCW 13.32A.160(1)(e); (iv) 14 the child has made reasonable efforts to resolve the conflict; (v) the 15 16 conflict cannot be resolved by delivery of services to the family 17 during continued placement of the child in the parental home; (vi) reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for 18 19 removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for 20 the child to return home; and (vii) a suitable out-of-home placement resource is available; (b)(i) the order is in the best interest of the 21 child; and (ii) the parents are unavailable; or (c) the parent's 22 23 actions cause an imminent threat to the child's health or safety. If 24 the court has entered an order under this section, it may order any conditions set forth in RCW 13.32A.196(2). 25
- 26 (4) A child who fails to comply with a court order issued under 27 this section shall be subject to contempt proceedings, as provided in 28 this chapter, but only if the noncompliance occurs within one year 29 after the entry of the order.
- 30 (5) The parents or the department may request, and the court may 31 grant, dismissal of a placement order when it is not feasible for the 32 department to provide services due to one or more of the following 33 circumstances:
- 34 (a) The child has been absent from court approved placement for 35 thirty consecutive days or more;
- 36 (b) The parents or the child, or all of them, refuse to cooperate in available, appropriate intervention aimed at reunifying the family; 38 or

- 1 (c) The department has exhausted all available and appropriate 2 resources that would result in reunification.
- 3 (6) The court shall dismiss a placement made under subsection
- 4 (2)(c) of this section upon the request of the parents.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 The crisis residential center administrator shall notify parents
- 8 and the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately as to any
- 9 unauthorized leave from the center by a child placed at the center.
- 10 **Sec. 22.** RCW 13.32A.177 and 1988 c 275 s 14 are each amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 A determination of ((child)) support payments ordered under RCW
- 13 13.32A.175 shall be based upon ((the child support schedule and
- 14 standards adopted under)) chapter 26.19 RCW ((26.19.040)).
- 15 **Sec. 23.** RCW 13.32A.180 and 1979 c 155 s 32 are each amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 (1) ((At a dispositional hearing held to consider the three-month
- 18 dispositional plan presented by the department the court shall consider
- 19 all such recommendations included therein. The court, consistent with
- 20 the stated goal of resolving the family conflict and reuniting the
- 21 family, may modify such plan and shall make its dispositional order
- 22 for)) If the court orders a three-month out-of-home placement for the
- 23 child((-)), the court ((dispositional order)) shall specify the person
- 24 or agency with whom the child shall be placed, those parental powers
- 25 which will be temporarily awarded to such agency or person including
- 26 but not limited to the right to authorize medical, dental, and optical
- 27 treatment, and parental visitation rights. Any agency or residence at
- 28 which the child is placed must, at a minimum, comply with minimum
- 29 standards for licensed family foster homes.
- 30 (2) No placement made pursuant to this section may be in a secure
- 31 residence as defined by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
- 32 Prevention Act of 1974 ((and clarifying interpretations and regulations
- 33 promulgated thereunder)).
- 34 Sec. 24. RCW 13.32A.190 and 1989 c 269 s 5 are each amended to
- 35 read as follows:

(1) Upon making a dispositional order under ((RCW 13.32A.180)) section 20 of this act, the court shall schedule the matter on the calendar for review within three months, advise the parties of the date 4 thereof, appoint legal counsel and/or a guardian ad litem to represent the child at the review hearing, advise parents of their right to be represented by legal counsel at the review hearing, and notify the parties of their rights to present evidence at the hearing. resources are available, the court shall encourage the parent and child to participate in ((mediation)) programs for reconciliation of their conflict.

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- (2) At the review hearing, the court shall approve or disapprove 11 the continuation of the dispositional plan in accordance with ((the 12 13 goal of resolving the conflict and reuniting the family which governed the initial approval)) this chapter. The court shall determine whether 14 15 reasonable efforts have been made to reunify the family and make it 16 possible for the child to return home. The court ((is authorized to)) shall discontinue the placement and order that the child return home if 17 the court has reasonable grounds to believe that the parents have 18 19 ((displayed concerted)) made reasonable efforts to ((utilize services and)) resolve the conflict and the court has reason to believe that the 20 child's refusal to return home is capricious. If out-of-home placement 21 is continued, the court may modify the dispositional plan. 22
 - (3) Out-of-home placement may not be continued past one hundred eighty days from the day the review hearing commenced. The court shall order ((that)) the child to return to the home of the parent at the expiration of the placement. If ((continued)) an out-of-home placement is disapproved prior to one hundred eighty days, the court shall enter an order requiring ((that)) the child to return to the home of the child's parent.
- 30 (4) The parents and the department may request, and the juvenile court may grant, dismissal of an ((alternative residential)) out-of-31 home placement order when it is not feasible for the department to 32 provide services due to one or more of the following circumstances: 33
- 34 (a) The child has been absent from court approved placement for 35 thirty consecutive days or more;
- (b) The parents or the child, or all of them, refuse to cooperate 36 37 in available, appropriate intervention aimed at reunifying the family; 38 or

- 1 (c) The department has exhausted all available and appropriate 2 resources that would result in reunification.
- 3 (5) The court shall terminate a placement made under this section 4 upon the request of a parent unless the placement is made pursuant to 5 section 20(3) of this act.
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 25.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A 7 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 (1) A child's parent may file with the juvenile court a petition in 9 the interest of a child alleged to be an at-risk youth. The department 10 shall, when requested, assist the parent in filing the petition. The 11 petition shall be filed in the county where the petitioner resides. 12 The petition shall set forth the name, age, and residence of the child 13 and the names and residence of the child's parents and shall allege 14 that:
- 15 (a) The child is an at-risk youth as defined in this chapter;
- 16 (b) The petitioner has the right to legal custody of the child;
- 17 (c) Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the 18 parent to maintain the care, custody, and control of the child; and
- 19 (d) Alternatives to court intervention have been attempted or there 20 is good cause why such alternatives have not been attempted.
- (2) The petition shall set forth facts that support the allegations 21 in this section and shall generally request relief available under this 22 23 The petition need not specify any proposed disposition 24 following adjudication of the petition. The filing of an at-risk youth 25 petition is not dependent upon the court's having obtained any prior jurisdiction over the child or his or her parent and confers upon the 26 court the special jurisdiction to assist the parent in maintaining 27 parental authority and responsibility for the child. 28
- 29 (3) A petition may not be filed if a dependency petition is pending 30 under chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 31 **Sec. 26.** RCW 13.32A.192 and 1990 c 276 s 12 are each amended to 32 read as follows:
- (1) When a proper at-risk youth petition is filed by a child's parent under ((RCW 13.32A.120 or 13.32A.150)) this chapter, the juvenile court shall:
- 36 (a) Schedule a fact-finding hearing to be held within three 37 judicial days and notify the parent and the child of such date;

- 1 (b) Notify the parent of the right to be represented by counsel at 2 the parent's own expense;
 - (c) Appoint legal counsel for the child;

- (d) Inform the child and his or her parent of the legal consequences of the court finding the child to be an at-risk youth; and
- 6 (e) Notify the parent and the child of their rights to present 7 evidence at the fact-finding hearing.
- 8 (2) Unless out-of-home placement of the child is otherwise 9 authorized or required by law, the child shall reside in the home of 10 his or her parent or in an ((alternative residential)) out-of-home 11 placement requested by the parent or child and approved by the parent. 12 ((Upon request by the parent, the court may enter a court order 13 requiring the child to reside in the home of his or her parent or an 14 alternative residential placement approved by the parent.))
 - (3) If upon sworn written or oral declaration of the petitioning parent, the court has reason to believe that a child has willfully and knowingly violated a court order issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the court may issue an order directing law enforcement to take the child into custody and place the child in a juvenile detention facility or in a secure facility within a crisis residential center ((licensed by the department and established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW)). If the child is placed in detention, a review shall be held as provided in RCW 13.32A.065.
 - (4) If both ((an alternative residential placement)) a child in need of services petition and an at-risk youth petition have been filed with regard to the same child, the petitions and proceedings shall be consolidated ((for purposes of fact-finding)) as an at-risk youth petition. Pending a fact-finding hearing regarding the petition, the child may be placed((7)) in the parent's home or in an out-of-home placement if not already placed((7)) in ((an alternative residential)) a temporary out-of-home placement ((as provided in RCW 13.32A.160 unless the court has previously entered an order requiring the child to reside in the home of his or her parent)). The child or the parent may request a review of the child's placement including a review of any court order requiring the child to reside in the parent's home. ((At the review the court, in its discretion, may order the child placed in the parent's home or in an alternative residential placement pending the hearing.))

- 1 **Sec. 27.** RCW 13.32A.194 and 1990 c 276 s 13 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- 3 (1) The court shall hold a fact-finding hearing to consider a 4 proper at-risk youth petition. The court ((may)) shall grant the 5 petition and enter an order finding the child to be an at-risk youth if the allegations in the petition are established by a preponderance of 6 7 the evidence((. The court shall not enter such an order if the court 8 has approved an alternative residential placement petition regarding 9 the child or if)), unless the child is the subject of a proceeding 10 under chapter 13.34 RCW. If the petition is granted, the court shall enter an order requiring the child to reside in the home of his or her 11 parent or ((in an alternative residential placement approved by the 12 parent)) in an out-of-home placement as provided in RCW 13.32A.192(2). 13
- (2) The court may order the department to submit a dispositional 14 15 plan if such a plan would assist the court in ordering a suitable 16 disposition in the case. If the court orders the department to prepare 17 a plan, the department shall provide copies of the plan to the parent, the child, and the court. If the parties or the court desire the 18 19 department to be involved in any future proceedings or case plan 20 development, the department shall be provided timely notification of all court hearings. 21
- 22 (3) A dispositional hearing shall be held no later than fourteen 23 days after the court has granted an at-risk youth petition. Each party 24 shall be notified of the time and date of the hearing.
- 25 (4) If the court grants or denies an at-risk youth petition, a 26 statement of the written reasons shall be entered into the records. If 27 the court denies an at-risk youth petition, the court shall verbally 28 advise the parties that the child is required to remain within the 29 care, custody, and control of his or her parent.
- 30 **Sec. 28.** RCW 13.32A.196 and 1991 c 364 s 14 are each amended to 31 read as follows:
- 32 (1) At the dispositional hearing regarding an adjudicated at-risk 33 youth, the court shall consider the recommendations of the parties and 34 the recommendations of any dispositional plan submitted by the 35 department. The court may enter a dispositional order that will assist 36 the parent in maintaining the care, custody, and control of the child 37 and assist the family to resolve family conflicts or problems.

- 1 (2) The court may set conditions of supervision for the child that 2 include:
- 3 (a) Regular school attendance;
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- 5 (c) Participation in a substance abuse <u>or mental health outpatient</u> 6 treatment program;
- 7 (d) Reporting on a regular basis to the department or any other 8 designated person or agency; and
- 9 (e) Any other condition the court deems an appropriate condition of supervision including but not limited to: Employment, participation in an anger management program, and refraining from using alcohol or drugs.
- 13 (3) No dispositional order or condition of supervision ordered by 14 a court pursuant to this section shall include involuntary commitment 15 of a child for substance abuse or mental health treatment.
- (4) The court may order the parent to participate in counseling 16 services or any other services for the child requiring parental 17 participation. The parent shall cooperate with the court-ordered case 18 19 plan and shall take necessary steps to help implement the case plan. 20 The parent shall be financially responsible for costs related to the court-ordered plan; however, this requirement shall not affect the 21 eligibility of the parent or child for public assistance or other 22 benefits to which the parent or child may otherwise be entitled. 23
 - (5) The parent may request dismissal of an at-risk youth proceeding or out-of-home placement at any time and upon such a request, the court shall dismiss the matter and cease court supervision of the child unless: (a) A contempt action is pending in the case; (b) a petition has been filed under RCW 13.32A.150 and a hearing has not yet been held under section 20 of this act; or (c) an order has been entered under section 20(3) of this act and the court retains jurisdiction under that subsection. The court may retain jurisdiction over the matter for the purpose of concluding any pending contempt proceedings, including the full satisfaction of any penalties imposed as a result of a contempt finding.
- (((+5))) (6) The court may order the department to monitor compliance with the dispositional order, assist in coordinating the provision of court-ordered services, and submit reports at subsequent review hearings regarding the status of the case.

- 1 **Sec. 29.** RCW 13.32A.250 and 1990 c 276 s 16 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- 3 (1) In all ((alternative residential placement)) child in need of
 4 services proceedings and at-risk youth proceedings, the court shall
 5 verbally notify the parents and the child of the possibility of a
 6 finding of contempt for failure to comply with the terms of a court
 7 order entered pursuant to this chapter. The court shall treat the
 8 parents and the child equally for the purposes of applying contempt of
 9 court processes and penalties under this section.
- 10 (2) Failure by a party to comply with an order entered under this 11 chapter is a contempt of court as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW, subject 12 to the limitations of subsection $((\frac{2}{2}))$ of this section.
- (3) The court may impose a fine of up to one hundred dollars and ((imprisonment)) confinement for up to seven days, or both for contempt of court under this section.
- (4) A child ((imprisoned)) placed in confinement for contempt under this section shall be ((imprisoned)) placed in confinement only in a secure juvenile detention facility operated by or pursuant to a contract with a county.
- (5) A motion for contempt may be made by a parent, a child, juvenile court personnel, or by any public agency, organization, or person having custody of the child under a court order adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW to read as follows:
- 26 (1) This section contains special provisions to deal with the 27 extraordinary dangers to children who are habitual runaways and to 28 assist families to cope with the acute problems presented by such 29 children.
- 30 (2) In disposition proceedings involving a child in need of services or an at-risk youth, the court may adopt the additional orders 31 authorized under this section if it finds that the child involved in 32 33 those proceedings is an habitual runaway. The court may include in its 34 dispositional orders a requirement that the child be placed, for up to one hundred eighty consecutive days, in a facility that the court finds 35 36 operates with a level of security adequate to prevent the child from leaving the facility without authorization and that will provide for 37 the child's participation in a program designed to remedy his or her 38

behavior difficulties. The court may not include this requirement 1 unless, at the disposition hearing, it finds that the placement is 2 clearly necessary in order to protect the child and that less-3 4 restrictive orders not requiring such placement would be inadequate to protect the child, given the child's age, maturity, propensity to run 5 away from home, past exposure to serious risk when the child ran away 6 7 from home, and possible future exposure to serious risk should the child run away from home again. 8 The orders shall also contain 9 provisions providing for periodic court review of the placement, with 10 the first review hearing conducted not more than thirty days after the date of the placement. Prior to each review hearing, the court shall 11 advise the parents of their right to counsel and shall have appointed 12 counsel to represent the child. At each review hearing the court shall 13 review the orders to determine the progress of the child and whether 14 15 the orders are still necessary for the protection of the child and whether a less-restrictive order of placement would be adequate. 16 17 court shall make such modifications in its orders as it finds necessary to protect the child. Unless the court provides to the contrary, 18 19 review hearings of orders adopted under this section shall be held exclusively under this section and shall not be subject to the review 20 provisions applicable under this chapter to disposition orders 21 pertaining to a child in need of services or to at-risk youth. 22 23

(3) In disposition proceedings involving a child in need of services or an at-risk youth, the court may impose the following additional sanction on an habitual runaway for violation of any court order: The court may order the department of licensing to suspend the child's driver's license for ninety days.

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- (4) For purposes of this section, a child is an "habitual runaway" 28 29 if the child, on three or more separate occasions within the twelve-30 month period before the commencement of the disposition proceedings, 31 has been absent from the parent's home, or other residence lawfully prescribed for the child, for more than seventy-two consecutive hours 32 without consent of the parent; or if the child during such twelve-month 33 34 period has been absent from such home or residence without consent of 35 the parent for more than thirty consecutive days.
- (5) State funds may only be used to pay for placements under this section if, and to the extent that, such funds are appropriated to expressly pay for them.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 31. A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW to read as follows:
- When the department of licensing is provided with a court order under section 30 of this act, the department shall suspend for ninety days all driving privileges of the juvenile identified in the order.
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 32.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A 7 RCW to read as follows:
- No superior court may refuse to accept for filing a properly completed and presented child in need of services petition or an atrisk youth petition. To be properly presented, the petitioner shall verify that the family assessment required under RCW 13.32A.150 has been completed. In the event of an improper refusal that is appealed and reversed, the petitioner shall be awarded actual damages, costs, and attorneys' fees.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A RCW to read as follows:
- (1) If any child under the age of ten has remained in out-of-home placement for a period exceeding nine months pursuant to a court order entered under this chapter, the court shall schedule a hearing to take place no later than one year after the initial placement. For a child over ten who has remained in out-of-home placement for a period exceeding fifteen months, the court shall schedule a hearing to take place no later than eighteen months after the initial placement.

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- (2) At the hearing the court shall determine whether the case should be referred to the department for the purpose of considering the filing of a dependency petition under chapter 13.34 RCW. In determining whether to refer the case to the department, the court shall determine whether it is in the child's or family's best interest to begin permanency planning as required under chapter 13.34 RCW.
- (3) If the court refers the case to the department, it may identify 30 31 one of the following outcomes as the primary goal for the referral and 32 may also identify additional outcomes as alternative goals: Return of 33 the child to the home of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian; adoption; guardianship; long-term relative or foster care, 34 35 until the child is age eighteen, with a written agreement between the parties and the care provider; or, where age-appropriate, independent 36 37 living or emancipation.

- 1 (4) If the court does not refer the case to the department under
- 2 subsection (2) of this section, the court shall continue to review the
- 3 case every six months, for as long as the child remains out-of-home
- 4 under a court order.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 34.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Any person who, without legal authorization, provides shelter
- 8 to a minor and who knows at the time of providing the shelter that the
- 9 minor is away from the parent's home, or other lawfully prescribed
- 10 residence, without the permission of the parent, shall promptly report
- 11 the location of the child to the parent, the law enforcement agency of
- 12 the jurisdiction in which the person lives, or the department. The
- 13 report may be made by telephone or any other reasonable means.
- 14 (2) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
- 15 in this subsection apply throughout this section.
- 16 (a) "Shelter" means the person's home or any structure over which
- 17 the person has any control.
- 18 (b) "Promptly report" means to report within eight hours after the
- 19 person has knowledge that the minor is away from home without parental
- 20 permission.
- 21 (c) "Parent" means any parent having legal custody of the child,
- 22 whether individually or jointly.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 35. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 24 RCW to read as follows:
- Violation of section 34 of this act is a misdemeanor.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 36. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 27 RCW to read as follows:
- 28 If a person provides the notice required in section 34 of this act,
- 29 he or she is immune from liability for any cause of action arising from
- 30 providing shelter to the child. The immunity shall not extend to acts
- 31 of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the person providing
- 32 the shelter.
- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 37.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 34 RCW to read as follows:

- Whenever a law enforcement agency receives a report from a parent that his or her child, or child over whom the parent has custody, has without permission of the parent left the home or residence lawfully prescribed for the child under circumstances where the parent believes that the child has run away from the home or the residence, the agency shall provide for placing information identifying the child in files under RCW 43.43.510.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 38.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A 9 RCW to read as follows:
- 10 Upon the admissions of a child to a crisis residential center the 11 administrator of the facility shall request the department to provide: 12 (1) The name of any sibling of the child who has been: (a) Placed 13 under the jurisdiction of the juvenile rehabilitation administration;
- 14 or (b) subject to a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW; and (2)
- 15 information regarding whether the child has run away multiple times.
- 16 The department shall provide the information as soon as feasible.
- 17 The administrator may utilize the information in assessing the needs of
- 18 the child but a petition filed under this chapter may not be based
- 19 solely on this information.
- 20 **Sec. 39.** RCW 13.04.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 519 are each amended 21 to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the 3 juvenile courts in the several counties of this state, shall have 24 exclusive original jurisdiction over all proceedings:
- 25 (a) Under the interstate compact on placement of children as 26 provided in chapter 26.34 RCW;
- (b) Relating to children alleged or found to be dependent as provided in chapter 26.44 RCW and in RCW 13.34.030 through 13.34.170;
- 29 (c) Relating to the termination of a parent and child relationship 30 as provided in RCW 13.34.180 through 13.34.210;
- 31 (d) To approve or disapprove ((alternative residential)) out-of-32 home placement as provided in RCW 13.32A.170;
- 33 (e) Relating to juveniles alleged or found to have committed 34 offenses, traffic infractions, or violations as provided in RCW 35 13.40.020 through 13.40.230, unless:
- 36 (i) The juvenile court transfers jurisdiction of a particular 37 juvenile to adult criminal court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110; or

1 (ii) The statute of limitations applicable to adult prosecution for 2 the offense, traffic infraction, or violation has expired; or

(iii) The alleged offense or infraction is a traffic, fish, boating, or game offense or traffic infraction committed by a juvenile sixteen years of age or older and would, if committed by an adult, be tried or heard in a court of limited jurisdiction, in which instance the appropriate court of limited jurisdiction shall have jurisdiction over the alleged offense or infraction: PROVIDED, That if such an alleged offense or infraction and an alleged offense or infraction subject to juvenile court jurisdiction arise out of the same event or incident, the juvenile court may have jurisdiction of both matters: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the jurisdiction under this subsection does not constitute "transfer" or a "decline" for purposes of RCW 13.40.110(1) or (e)(i) of this subsection: PROVIDED FURTHER, That courts of limited jurisdiction which confine juveniles for an alleged offense or infraction may place juveniles in juvenile detention facilities under an agreement with the officials responsible for the administration of the juvenile detention facility in RCW 13.04.035 and 13.20.060; or

(iv) The juvenile is sixteen or seventeen years old and the alleged offense is: (A) A serious violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 committed on or after June 13, 1994; or (B) a violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 committed on or after June 13, 1994, and the juvenile has a criminal history consisting of: (I) One or more prior serious violent offenses; (II) two or more prior violent offenses; or (III) three or more of any combination of the following offenses: Any class A felony, any class B felony, vehicular assault, or manslaughter in the second degree, all of which must have been committed after the juvenile's thirteenth birthday and prosecuted separately. In such a case the adult criminal court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction.

If the juvenile challenges the state's determination of the juvenile's criminal history, the state may establish the offender's criminal history by a preponderance of the evidence. If the criminal history consists of adjudications entered upon a plea of guilty, the state shall not bear a burden of establishing the knowing and voluntariness of the plea;

(f) Under the interstate compact on juveniles as provided in the chapter 13.24 RCW;

- 1 (g) Relating to termination of a diversion agreement under RCW 2 13.40.080, including a proceeding in which the divertee has attained 3 eighteen years of age; and
- 4 (h) Relating to court validation of a voluntary consent to foster 5 care placement under chapter 13.34 RCW, by the parent or Indian 6 custodian of an Indian child, except if the parent or Indian custodian 7 and child are residents of or domiciled within the boundaries of a 6 federally recognized Indian reservation over which the tribe exercises 9 exclusive jurisdiction.
- 10 (2) The family court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction 11 with the juvenile court over all proceedings under this section if the 12 superior court judges of a county authorize concurrent jurisdiction as 13 provided in RCW 26.12.010.
- (3) A juvenile subject to adult superior court jurisdiction under subsection (1)(e) (i) through (iv) of this section, who is detained pending trial, may be detained in a county detention facility as defined in RCW 13.40.020 pending sentencing or a dismissal.
- 18 **Sec. 40.** RCW 13.04.040 and 1983 c 191 s 14 are each amended to 19 read as follows:
- 20 The administrator shall, in any county or judicial district in the 21 state, appoint or designate one or more persons of good character to 22 serve as probation counselors during the pleasure of the administrator.
- 23 The probation counselor shall:
- (1) Receive and examine referrals to the juvenile court for the purpose of considering the filing of a petition or information pursuant to chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW ((13.34.040, 13.34.180, and)) or RCW 13.40.070 ((as now or hereafter amended, and RCW 13.32A.150));
- 28 (2) Make recommendations to the court regarding the need for 29 continued detention or shelter care of a child unless otherwise 30 provided in this title;
- (3) Arrange and supervise diversion agreements as provided in RCW 13.40.080, ((as now or hereafter amended,)) and ensure that the requirements of such agreements are met except as otherwise provided in this title;
- (4) Prepare predisposition studies as required in RCW 13.34.120 and 13.40.130, ((as now or hereafter amended,)) and be present at the disposition hearing to respond to questions regarding the predisposition study: PROVIDED, That such duties shall be performed by

- the department ((of social and health services)) for cases relating to dependency or to the termination of a parent and child relationship which is filed by the department ((of social and health services)) unless otherwise ordered by the court; and
- 5 (5) Supervise court orders of disposition to ensure that all 6 requirements of the order are met.

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All probation counselors shall possess all the powers conferred upon sheriffs and police officers to serve process and make arrests of juveniles under their supervision for the violation of any state law or county or city ordinance.

The administrator may, in any county or judicial district in the state, appoint one or more persons who shall have charge of detention rooms or houses of detention.

The probation counselors and persons appointed to have charge of detention facilities shall each receive compensation which shall be fixed by the legislative authority of the county, or in cases of joint counties, judicial districts of more than one county, or joint judicial districts such sums as shall be agreed upon by the legislative authorities of the counties affected, and such persons shall be paid as other county officers are paid.

The administrator is hereby authorized, and to the extent possible is encouraged to, contract with private agencies existing within the community for the provision of services to youthful offenders and youth who have entered into diversion agreements pursuant to RCW 13.40.080((-, as now or hereafter amended)).

The administrator shall establish procedures for the collection of fines assessed under RCW 13.40.080 (2)(d) and (13) and for the payment of the fines into the county general fund.

29 **Sec. 41.** RCW 13.04.093 and 1991 c 363 s 11 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney to act in 31 proceedings relating to the commission of a juvenile offense as 32 provided in RCW 13.40.070 and 13.40.090 and in proceedings as provided 33 34 in chapter 71.34 RCW. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney to handle delinquency cases under chapter 13.24 RCW and it shall be the 35 36 duty of the attorney general to handle dependency cases under chapter 13.24 RCW. It shall be the duty of the attorney general in contested 37 cases brought by the department to present the evidence supporting any 38

- 1 petition alleging dependency or seeking the termination of a parent and
- 2 child relationship or any contested case filed under RCW 26.33.100 or
- 3 approving or disapproving ((alternative residential)) out-of-home
- 4 placement: PROVIDED, That in each county with a population of less
- 5 than two hundred ten thousand, the attorney general may contract with
- 6 the prosecuting attorney of the county to perform ((said)) the duties
- 7 of the attorney general <u>under this section</u>.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 42.** The department of social and health
- 9 services shall develop a plan for the development of an intensive
- 10 treatment system for children whose behavior puts them at serious risk
- 11 of harm to themselves or others. In developing this plan, the
- 12 department shall work with service providers, community leaders,
- 13 representatives of different cultural communities, businesses,
- 14 educational institutions, community networks, and others to propose a
- 15 continuum of services, including placement alternatives, for children
- 16 who might otherwise be on the street.
- 17 In developing this plan, the department shall identify existing
- 18 local and state services and barriers to those services for children.
- 19 The plan for intensive treatment services, to the extent possible,
- 20 shall build upon those existing resources.
- 21 The plan shall be presented to the legislature and the governor no
- 22 later than December 1, 1995.
- 23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 43. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 24 RCW to read as follows:
- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to create an entitlement
- 26 to services nor to create judicial authority to order the provision at
- 27 public expense of services to any person or family where the department
- 28 has determined that such services are unavailable or unsuitable or that
- 29 the child or family are not eligible for such services.
- 30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 44.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
- 31 RCW to read as follows:
- In approving a petition under this chapter, a child may be placed
- 33 in a semi-secure crisis residential center as a temporary out-of-home
- 34 placement under the following conditions: (1) No other suitable out-
- 35 of-home placement is available; (2) space is available in the semi-

- 1 secure crisis residential center; and (3) no child will be denied 2 access for a five-day placement due to this placement.
- 3 Any child referred to a semi-secure crisis residential center by a
- 4 law enforcement officer, the department, or himself or herself shall
- 5 have priority over a temporary out-of-home placement in the facility.
- 6 Any out-of-home placement order shall be subject to this priority, and
- 7 the administrator of the semi-secure crisis residential center shall
- 8 transfer the temporary out-of-home placement youth to a new out-of-home
- 9 placement as necessary to ensure access for youth needing the semi-
- 10 secure crisis residential center.
- 11 **Sec. 45.** RCW 43.43.510 and 1967 ex.s. c 27 s 2 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 As soon as is practical and feasible there shall be established, by
- 14 means of data processing, files listing stolen and wanted vehicles,
- 15 outstanding warrants, identifying children whose parents, custodians,
- 16 or legal quardians have reported as having run away from home or the
- 17 <u>custodial residence</u>, identifiable stolen property, and such other files
- 18 as may be of general assistance to law enforcement agencies.
- 19 **Sec. 46.** RCW 70.96A.090 and 1990 c 151 s 5 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
- 21 (1) The department shall adopt rules establishing standards for
- 22 approved treatment programs, the process for the review and inspection
- 23 program applying to the department for certification as an approved
- 24 treatment program, and fixing the fees to be charged by the department
- 25 for the required inspections. The standards may concern the health
- 26 standards to be met and standards of services and treatment to be
- 27 afforded patients.
- 28 (2) The department may suspend, revoke, limit, restrict, or modify
- 29 an approval, or refuse to grant approval, for failure to meet the
- 30 provisions of this chapter, or the standards adopted under this
- 31 chapter. RCW 43.20A.205 governs notice of a license denial,
- 32 revocation, suspension, or modification and provides the right to an
- 33 adjudicative proceeding.
- 34 (3) No treatment program may advertise or represent itself as an
- 35 approved treatment program if approval has not been granted, has been
- 36 denied, suspended, revoked, or canceled.

- (4) Certification as an approved treatment program is effective for one calendar year from the date of issuance of the certificate. The certification shall specify the types of services provided by the approved treatment program that meet the standards adopted under this chapter. Renewal of certification shall be made in accordance with this section for initial approval and in accordance with the standards set forth in rules adopted by the secretary.
 - (5) Approved treatment programs shall not provide alcoholism or other drug addiction treatment services for which the approved treatment program has not been certified. Approved treatment programs may provide services for which approval has been sought and is pending, if approval for the services has not been previously revoked or denied.

- 13 (6) The department periodically shall inspect approved public and 14 private treatment programs at reasonable times and in a reasonable 15 manner.
- 16 (7) The department shall maintain and periodically publish a 17 current list of approved treatment programs.
 - (8) Each approved treatment program shall file with the department on request, data, statistics, schedules, and information the department reasonably requires. An approved treatment program that without good cause fails to furnish any data, statistics, schedules, or information as requested, or files fraudulent returns thereof, may be removed from the list of approved treatment programs, and its certification revoked or suspended.
 - (9) The department shall use the data provided in subsection (8) of this section to evaluate each program that admits children to inpatient treatment upon application of their parents. The evaluation shall be done at least once every twelve months. In addition, the department shall randomly select and review the information on individual children who are admitted on application of the child's parent for the purpose of determining whether the child was appropriately placed into treatment based on an objective evaluation of the child's condition and the outcome of the child's treatment.
 - (10) Upon petition of the department and after a hearing held upon reasonable notice to the facility, the superior court may issue a warrant to an officer or employee of the department authorizing him or her to enter and inspect at reasonable times, and examine the books and accounts of, any approved public or private treatment program refusing to consent to inspection or examination by the department or which the

- 1 department has reasonable cause to believe is operating in violation of 2 this chapter.
- 3 **Sec. 47.** RCW 70.96A.095 and 1991 c 364 s 9 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 (1) Any person ((fourteen)) thirteen years of age or older may give consent for himself or herself to the furnishing of counseling, care, 6 7 treatment, or rehabilitation by a treatment program or by any person. Consent of the parent, parents, or legal guardian of a person less than 8 9 eighteen years of age is not necessary to authorize the care, except that the person shall not become a resident of the treatment program 10 without such permission except as provided in RCW 70.96A.120 or 11 12 70.96A.140. The parent, parents, or legal guardian of a person less than eighteen years of age are not liable for payment of care for such 13 14 persons pursuant to this chapter, unless they have joined in the 15 consent to the counseling, care, treatment, or rehabilitation.
 - (2) The parent of any minor child may apply to an approved treatment program for the admission of his or her minor child for purposes authorized in this chapter. The consent of the minor child shall not be required for the application or admission. The approved treatment program shall accept the application and evaluate the child for admission. The ability of a parent to apply to an approved treatment program for the involuntary admission of his or her minor child does not create a right to obtain or benefit from any funds or resources of the state. However, the state may provide services for indigent minors to the extent that funds are available therefor.

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- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 48.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW to read as follows:
- 28 (1) The admission of any child under RCW 70.96A.095 may be reviewed 29 by the county-designated chemical dependency specialist between fifteen 30 and thirty days following admission. The county-designated chemical 31 dependency specialist may undertake the review on his or her own 32 initiative and may seek reimbursement from the parents, their 33 insurance, or medicaid for the expense of the review.
- 34 (2) The department shall ensure a review is conducted no later than 35 sixty days following admission to determine whether it is medically 36 appropriate to continue the child's treatment on an inpatient basis. 37 The department may, subject to available funds, contract with a county

for the conduct of the review conducted under this subsection and may seek reimbursement from the parents, their insurance, or medicaid for the expense of any review conducted by an agency under contract.

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If the county-designated chemical dependency specialist determines that continued inpatient treatment of the child is no longer medically appropriate, the specialist shall notify the facility, the child, the child's parents, and the department of the finding within twenty-four hours of the determination.

- 9 (3) For purposes of eligibility for medical assistance under 10 chapter 74.09 RCW, children in inpatient mental health or chemical dependency treatment shall be considered to be part of their parent's 11 or legal guardian's household, unless the child has been assessed by 12 the department of social and health services or its designee as likely 13 to require such treatment for at least ninety consecutive days, or is 14 15 in out-of-home care in accordance with chapter 13.34 RCW, or the child's parents are found to not be exercising responsibility for care 16 17 and control of the child. Payment for such care by the department of social and health services shall be made only in accordance with rules, 18 19 guidelines, and clinical criteria applicable to inpatient treatment of 20 minors established by the department.
- 21 **Sec. 49.** RCW 70.96A.140 and 1993 c 362 s 1 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
 - (1) When a designated chemical dependency specialist receives information alleging that a person is incapacitated as a result of chemical dependency, the designated chemical dependency specialist, after investigation and evaluation of the specific facts alleged and of the reliability and credibility of the information, may file a petition for commitment of such person with the superior court or district court.
- If a petition for commitment is not filed in the case of a minor, the parent, guardian, or custodian who has custody of the minor may seek review of that decision made by the designated chemical dependency specialist in superior or district court. The parent, guardian, or custodian shall file notice with the court and provide a copy of the designated chemical dependency specialist's report.
- If the designated chemical dependency specialist finds that the initial needs of such person would be better served by placement within the mental health system, the person shall be referred to an evaluation

and treatment facility as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or 71.34.020. 1 placement in a chemical dependency program is available and deemed 2 appropriate, the petition shall allege that: The person is chemically 3 4 dependent and is incapacitated by alcohol or drug addiction, or that the person has twice before in the preceding twelve months been 5 admitted for detoxification or chemical dependency treatment pursuant 6 7 to RCW 70.96A.110, and is in need of a more sustained treatment 8 program, or that the person is chemically dependent and has threatened, 9 attempted, or inflicted physical harm on another and is likely to 10 inflict physical harm on another unless committed. undergo treatment, by itself, does not constitute evidence of lack of 11 judgment as to the need for treatment. 12 The petition shall be accompanied by a certificate of a licensed physician who has examined 13 the person within five days before submission of the petition, unless 14 15 the person whose commitment is sought has refused to submit to a medical examination, in which case the fact of refusal shall be alleged 16 The certificate shall set forth the licensed 17 in the petition. physician's findings in support of the allegations of the petition. A 18 19 physician employed by the petitioning program or the department is 20 eligible to be the certifying physician.

(2) Upon filing the petition, the court shall fix a date for a 21 hearing no less than two and no more than seven days after the date the 22 23 petition was filed unless the person petitioned against is presently 24 being detained in a program, pursuant to RCW 70.96A.120, 71.05.210, or 25 71.34.050, ((as now or hereafter amended,)) in which case the hearing shall be held within seventy-two hours of the filing of the petition: 26 27 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the above specified seventy-two hours shall be 28 computed by excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: PROVIDED 29 That, the court may, upon motion of the person whose FURTHER, 30 commitment is sought, or upon motion of petitioner with written permission of the person whose commitment is sought, or his or her 31 counsel and, upon good cause shown, extend the date for the hearing. 32 A copy of the petition and of the notice of the hearing, including the 33 34 date fixed by the court, shall be served by the designated chemical 35 dependency specialist on the person whose commitment is sought, his or her next of kin, a parent or his or her legal guardian if he or she is 36 37 a minor, and any other person the court believes advisable. A copy of 38 the petition and certificate shall be delivered to each person 39 notified.

(3) At the hearing the court shall hear all relevant testimony, 1 including, if possible, the testimony, which may be telephonic, of at 2 3 least one licensed physician who has examined the person whose 4 commitment is sought. Communications otherwise deemed privileged under 5 the laws of this state are deemed to be waived in proceedings under this chapter when a court of competent jurisdiction in its discretion 6 7 determines that the waiver is necessary to protect either the detained 8 person or the public. The waiver of a privilege under this section is 9 limited to records or testimony relevant to evaluation of the detained 10 person for purposes of a proceeding under this chapter. Upon motion by the detained person, or on its own motion, the court shall examine a 11 record or testimony sought by a petitioner to determine whether it is 12 13 within the scope of the waiver.

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The record maker shall not be required to testify in order to introduce medical, nursing, or psychological records of detained persons so long as the requirements of RCW 5.45.020 are met, except that portions of the record that contain opinions as to whether the detained person is chemically dependent shall be deleted from the records unless the person offering the opinions is available for crossexamination. The person shall be present unless the court believes that his or her presence is likely to be injurious to him or her; in this event the court may deem it appropriate to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent him or her throughout the proceeding. If deemed advisable, the court may examine the person out of courtroom. person has refused to be examined by a licensed physician, he or she shall be given an opportunity to be examined by a court appointed If he or she refuses and there is sufficient licensed physician. evidence to believe that the allegations of the petition are true, or if the court believes that more medical evidence is necessary, the court may make a temporary order committing him or her to the department for a period of not more than five days for purposes of a diagnostic examination.

(4) If after hearing all relevant evidence, including the results of any diagnostic examination, the court finds that grounds for involuntary commitment have been established by clear, cogent, and convincing proof, it shall make an order of commitment to an approved treatment program. It shall not order commitment of a person unless it determines that an approved treatment program is available and able to provide adequate and appropriate treatment for him or her.

(5) A person committed under this section shall remain in the program for treatment for a period of sixty days unless sooner discharged. At the end of the sixty-day period, he or she shall be discharged automatically unless the program, before expiration of the period, files a petition for his or her recommitment upon the grounds set forth in subsection (1) of this section for a further period of ninety days unless sooner discharged.

 If a petition for recommitment is not filed in the case of a minor, the parent, guardian, or custodian who has custody of the minor may seek review of that decision made by the designated chemical dependency specialist in superior or district court. The parent, guardian, or custodian shall file notice with the court and provide a copy of the treatment progress report.

If a person has been committed because he or she is chemically dependent and likely to inflict physical harm on another, the program shall apply for recommitment if after examination it is determined that the likelihood still exists.

- (6) Upon the filing of a petition for recommitment under subsection (5) of this section, the court shall fix a date for hearing no less than two and no more than seven days after the date the petition was filed: PROVIDED, That, the court may, upon motion of the person whose commitment is sought and upon good cause shown, extend the date for the hearing. A copy of the petition and of the notice of hearing, including the date fixed by the court, shall be served by the treatment program on the person whose commitment is sought, his or her next of kin, the original petitioner under subsection (1) of this section if different from the petitioner for recommitment, one of his or her parents or his or her legal guardian if he or she is a minor, and his or her attorney and any other person the court believes advisable. At the hearing the court shall proceed as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
- (7) The approved treatment program shall provide for adequate and appropriate treatment of a person committed to its custody. A person committed under this section may be transferred from one approved public treatment program to another if transfer is medically advisable.
- (8) A person committed to the custody of a program for treatment shall be discharged at any time before the end of the period for which he or she has been committed and he or she shall be discharged by order of the court if either of the following conditions are met:

- 1 (a) In case of a chemically dependent person committed on the 2 grounds of likelihood of infliction of physical harm upon himself, 3 herself, or another, the likelihood no longer exists; or further 4 treatment will not be likely to bring about significant improvement in 5 the person's condition, or treatment is no longer adequate or 6 appropriate.
- 7 (b) In case of a chemically dependent person committed on the 8 grounds of the need of treatment and incapacity, that the incapacity no 9 longer exists.
- 10 (9) The court shall inform the person whose commitment or recommitment is sought of his or her right to contest the application, 11 12 be represented by counsel at every stage of any proceedings relating to 13 his or her commitment and recommitment, and have counsel appointed by the court or provided by the court, if he or she wants the assistance 14 of counsel and is unable to obtain counsel. If the court believes that 15 the person needs the assistance of counsel, the court shall require, by 16 17 appointment if necessary, counsel for him or her regardless of his or her wishes. The person shall, if he or she is financially able, bear 18 19 the costs of such legal service; otherwise such legal service shall be 20 at public expense. The person whose commitment or recommitment is sought shall be informed of his or her right to be examined by a 21 licensed physician of his or her choice. If the person is unable to 22 23 obtain a licensed physician and requests examination by a physician, 24 the court shall employ a licensed physician.
- (10) A person committed under this chapter may at any time seek to be discharged from commitment by writ of habeas corpus in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 28 (11) The venue for proceedings under this section is the county in 29 which person to be committed resides or is present.

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38 39 (12) When in the opinion of the professional person in charge of the program providing involuntary treatment under this chapter, the committed patient can be appropriately served by less restrictive treatment before expiration of the period of commitment, then the less restrictive care may be required as a condition for early release for a period which, when added to the initial treatment period, does not exceed the period of commitment. If the program designated to provide the less restrictive treatment is other than the program providing the initial involuntary treatment, the program so designated must agree in writing to assume such responsibility. A copy of the conditions for

early release shall be given to the patient, the designated chemical 1 dependency specialist of original commitment, and the court of original 2 3 commitment. The program designated to provide less restrictive care 4 may modify the conditions for continued release when the modifications are in the best interests of the patient. If the program providing 5 less restrictive care and the designated chemical dependency specialist 6 7 determine that a conditionally released patient is failing to adhere to 8 the terms and conditions of his or her release, or that substantial 9 deterioration in the patient's functioning has occurred, then the 10 designated chemical dependency specialist shall notify the court of original commitment and request a hearing to be held no less than two 11 and no more than seven days after the date of the request to determine 12 whether or not the person should be returned to more restrictive care. 13 14 The designated chemical dependency specialist shall file a petition 15 with the court stating the facts substantiating the need for the hearing along with the treatment recommendations. 16 The patient shall 17 have the same rights with respect to notice, hearing, and counsel as for the original involuntary treatment proceedings. The issues to be 18 19 determined at the hearing are whether the conditionally released patient did or did not adhere to the terms and conditions of his or her 20 release to less restrictive care or that substantial deterioration of 21 the patient's functioning has occurred and whether the conditions of 22 release should be modified or the person should be returned to a more 23 24 restrictive program. The hearing may be waived by the patient and his 25 or her counsel and his or her guardian or conservator, if any, but may not be waived unless all such persons agree to the waiver. 26 waiver, the person may be returned for involuntary treatment or 27 continued on conditional release on the same or modified conditions. 28

NEW SECTION. Sec. 50. A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW to read as follows:

Any provider of treatment in an approved treatment program who provides treatment to a minor under RCW 70.96A.095(1) must provide notice of the request for treatment to the minor's parents. The notice must be made within forty-eight hours of the request for treatment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and must contain the same information as required under RCW 71.34.030(2)(b).

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 51.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A
- 2 RCW to read as follows:
- 3 Nothing in this chapter authorizes school district personnel to
- 4 refer minors to any treatment program or treatment provider without
- 5 providing notice of the referral to the parent, parents, or guardians.
- 6 **Sec. 52.** RCW 71.34.030 and 1985 c 354 s 3 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) Any minor thirteen years or older may request and receive
- 9 outpatient treatment without the consent of the minor's parent.
- 10 Parental authorization is required for outpatient treatment of a minor 11 under the age of thirteen.
- 12 (2) When in the judgment of the professional person in charge of an 13 evaluation and treatment facility there is reason to believe that a
- 14 minor is in need of inpatient treatment because of a mental disorder,
- 15 and the facility provides the type of evaluation and treatment needed
- 16 by the minor, and it is not feasible to treat the minor in any less
- 17 restrictive setting or the minor's home, the minor may be admitted to
- 18 an evaluation and treatment facility in accordance with the following
- 19 requirements:
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- 20 (a) ((A minor under thirteen years of age may only be admitted on
- 21 the application of the minor's parent.
- 22 (b))) A minor ((thirteen years or older)) may be voluntarily
- 23 admitted by application of the parent. ((Such application must be
- 24 accompanied by the written consent, knowingly and voluntarily given, of
- 25 the minor.)) The consent of the minor is not required for the minor to
- 26 <u>be evaluated and admitted as appropriate.</u>
- 27 (((c))) A minor thirteen years or older may, with the
- 28 concurrence of the professional person in charge of an evaluation and
- 29 treatment facility, admit himself or herself without parental consent
- 30 to the evaluation and treatment facility, provided that notice is given
- 31 by the facility to the minor's parent in accordance with the following
- 32 requirements:
- 33 (i) Notice of the minor's admission shall be in the form most
- 34 likely to reach the parent within twenty-four hours of the minor's
- 35 voluntary admission and shall advise the parent that the minor has been
- 36 admitted to inpatient treatment; the location and telephone number of
- 37 the facility providing such treatment; and the name of a professional
- 38 person on the staff of the facility providing treatment who is

- 1 designated to discuss the minor's need for inpatient treatment with the 2 parent.
- 3 (ii) The minor shall be released to the parent at the parent's 4 request for release unless the facility files a petition with the 5 superior court of the county in which treatment is being provided 6 setting forth the basis for the facility's belief that the minor is in 7 need of inpatient treatment and that release would constitute a threat 8 to the minor's health or safety.
- 9 (iii) The petition shall be signed by the professional person in 10 charge of the facility or that person's designee.
- 11 (iv) The parent may apply to the court for separate counsel to 12 represent the parent if the parent cannot afford counsel.
- 13 (v) There shall be a hearing on the petition, which shall be held 14 within three judicial days from the filing of the petition.
- (vi) The hearing shall be conducted by a judge, court commissioner, or licensed attorney designated by the superior court as a hearing officer for such hearing. The hearing may be held at the treatment facility.
- 19 (vii) At such hearing, the facility must demonstrate by a 20 preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing that the minor 21 is in need of inpatient treatment and that release would constitute a 22 threat to the minor's health or safety. The hearing shall not be 23 conducted using the rules of evidence, and the admission or exclusion 24 of evidence sought to be presented shall be within the exercise of 25 sound discretion by the judicial officer conducting the hearing.
- 26 (((d))) <u>(c)</u> Written renewal of voluntary consent must be obtained 27 from the applicant ((and the minor thirteen years or older)) no less 28 than once every twelve months.
- $((\frac{(e)}{(e)}))$ (d) The minor's need for continued inpatient treatments shall be reviewed and documented no less than every one hundred eighty days.
- 32 (3) A notice of intent to leave shall result in the following:
- 33 (a) Any minor under the age of thirteen must be discharged 34 immediately upon written request of the parent.
- 35 (b) Any minor thirteen years or older voluntarily admitted may give 36 notice of intent to leave at any time. The notice need not follow any 37 specific form so long as it is written and the intent of the minor can 38 be discerned.

- 1 (c) The staff member receiving the notice shall date it 2 immediately, record its existence in the minor's clinical record, and 3 send copies of it to the minor's attorney, if any, the county-4 designated mental health professional, and the parent.
- 5 (d) The professional person in charge of the evaluation and 6 treatment facility shall discharge the minor, thirteen years or older, 7 from the facility within twenty-four hours after receipt of the minor's 8 notice of intent to leave, unless the county-designated mental health 9 professional or a parent or legal guardian files a petition or an application for initial detention within the time prescribed by this 11 chapter.
- (4) The ability of a parent to apply to a certified evaluation and treatment program for the involuntary admission of his or her minor child does not create a right to obtain or benefit from any funds or resources of the state. However, the state may provide services for indigent minors to the extent that funds are available therefor.
- 17 **Sec. 53.** RCW 71.34.050 and 1985 c 354 s 5 are each amended to read 18 as follows:
- 19 (1) When a county-designated mental health professional receives information that a minor, thirteen years or older, as a result of a 20 mental disorder presents a likelihood of serious harm or is gravely 21 22 disabled, has investigated the specific facts alleged and of the 23 credibility of the person or persons providing the information, and has 24 determined that voluntary admission for inpatient treatment is not 25 possible, the county-designated mental health professional may take the minor, or cause the minor to be taken, into custody and transported to 26 an evaluation and treatment facility providing inpatient treatment. 27
 - If the minor is not taken into custody for evaluation and treatment, the parent who has custody of the minor may seek review of that decision made by the county designated mental health professional in court. The parent shall file notice with the court and provide a copy of the county designated mental health professional's report or notes.

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34 (2) Within twelve hours of the minor's arrival at the evaluation 35 and treatment facility, the county-designated mental health 36 professional shall serve on the minor a copy of the petition for 37 initial detention, notice of initial detention, and statement of 38 rights. The county-designated mental health professional shall file

- 1 with the court on the next judicial day following the initial detention
- 2 the original petition for initial detention, notice of initial
- 3 detention, and statement of rights along with an affidavit of service.
- 4 The county-designated mental health professional shall commence service
- 5 of the petition for initial detention and notice of the initial
- 6 detention on the minor's parent and the minor's attorney as soon as
- 7 possible following the initial detention.
- 8 (3) At the time of initial detention, the county-designated mental
- 9 health professional shall advise the minor both orally and in writing
- 10 that if admitted to the evaluation and treatment facility for inpatient
- 11 treatment, a commitment hearing shall be held within seventy-two hours
- 12 of the minor's provisional acceptance to determine whether probable
- 13 cause exists to commit the minor for further mental health treatment.
- 14 The minor shall be advised that he or she has a right to
- 15 communicate immediately with an attorney and that he or she has a right
- 16 to have an attorney appointed to represent him or her before and at the
- 17 hearing if the minor is indigent.
- 18 (4) Whenever the county designated mental health professional
- 19 petitions for detention of a minor under this chapter, an evaluation
- 20 and treatment facility providing seventy-two hour evaluation and
- 21 treatment must immediately accept on a provisional basis the petition
- 22 and the person. Within twenty-four hours of the minor's arrival, the
- 23 facility must evaluate the minor's condition and either admit or
- 24 release the minor in accordance with this chapter.
- 25 (5) If a minor is not approved for admission by the inpatient
- 26 evaluation and treatment facility, the facility shall make such
- 27 recommendations and referrals for further care and treatment of the
- 28 minor as necessary.
- 29 **Sec. 54.** RCW 71.34.070 and 1985 c 354 s 7 are each amended to read
- 30 as follows:
- 31 (1) The professional person in charge of an evaluation and
- 32 treatment facility where a minor has been admitted involuntarily for
- 33 the initial seventy-two hour treatment period under this chapter may
- 34 petition to have a minor committed to an evaluation and treatment
- 35 facility for fourteen-day diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment.
- 36 <u>If the professional person in charge of the treatment and</u>
- 37 evaluation facility does not petition to have the minor committed, the
- 38 parent who has custody of the minor may seek review of that decision in

- 1 court. The parent shall file notice with the court and provide a copy 2 of the treatment and evaluation facility's report.
- 3 (2) A petition for commitment of a minor under this section shall 4 be filed with the superior court in the county where the minor is 5 residing or being detained.
- 6 (a) A petition for a fourteen-day commitment shall be signed either 7 by two physicians or by one physician and a mental health professional 8 who have examined the minor and shall contain the following:
 - (i) The name and address of the petitioner;
- 10 (ii) The name of the minor alleged to meet the criteria for 11 fourteen-day commitment;
- (iii) The name, telephone number, and address if known of every person believed by the petitioner to be legally responsible for the minor;
- (iv) A statement that the petitioner has examined the minor and finds that the minor's condition meets required criteria for fourteen-day commitment and the supporting facts therefor;
- (v) A statement that the minor has been advised of the need for voluntary treatment but has been unwilling or unable to consent to necessary treatment;
- 21 (vi) A statement recommending the appropriate facility or 22 facilities to provide the necessary treatment; and
- (vii) A statement concerning whether a less restrictive alternative to inpatient treatment is in the best interests of the minor.
- (b) A copy of the petition shall be personally delivered to the minor by the petitioner or petitioner's designee. A copy of the petition shall be sent to the minor's attorney and the minor's parent.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 55. A new section is added to chapter 71.34 RCW to read as follows:
- Any provider of treatment at an evaluation and treatment facility who provides treatment to a minor under RCW 71.34.030(1) must provide
- 32 notice of the request for treatment to the minor's parents. The notice
- 33 must be made within forty-eight hours of the request for treatment,
- 34 excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and must contain the same
- 35 information as required under RCW 71.34.030(2)(b).
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 56.** A new section is added to chapter 71.34 RCW
- 37 to read as follows:

- 1 (1) The admission of any child under RCW 71.34.030 may be reviewed 2 by the county-designated mental health professional between fifteen and 3 thirty days following admission. The county-designated mental health 4 professional may undertake the review on his or her own initiative and 5 may seek reimbursement from the parents, their insurance, or medicaid 6 for the expense of the review.
- 7 (2) The department shall ensure a review is conducted lo later than 8 sixty days following admission to determine whether it is medically 9 appropriate to continue the child's treatment on an inpatient basis. 10 The department may, subject to available funds, contract with a county 11 for the conduct of the review conducted under this subsection and may 12 seek reimbursement from the parents, their insurance, or medicaid for 13 the expense of any review conducted by an agency under contract.

If the county-designated mental health professional determines that continued inpatient treatment of the child is no longer medically appropriate, the professional shall notify the facility, the child, the child's parents, and the department of the finding within twenty-four hours of the determination.

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- 19 (3) For purposes of eligibility for medical assistance under chapter 74.09 RCW, children in inpatient mental health or chemical 20 dependency treatment shall be considered to be part of their parent's 21 or legal guardian's household, unless the child has been assessed by 22 the department of social and health services or its designee as likely 23 24 to require such treatment for at least ninety consecutive days, or is in out-of-home care in accordance with chapter 13.34 RCW, or the 25 26 child's parents are found to not be exercising responsibility for care and control of the child. Payment for such care by the department of 27 social and health services shall be made only in accordance with rules, 28 guidelines, and clinical criteria applicable to inpatient treatment of 29 30 minors established by the department.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 57. A new section is added to chapter 71.34 RCW to read as follows:
- Nothing in this chapter authorizes school district personnel to refer minors to any evaluation and treatment program or mental health professional without providing notice of the referral to the minor's parent.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 58. A new section is added to chapter 71.34 RCW to read as follows:
- 3 The department shall randomly select and review the information on
- 4 children who are admitted to in-patient treatment on application of the
- 5 child's parent. The review shall determine whether the children
- 6 reviewed were appropriately admitted into treatment based on an
- 7 objective evaluation of the child's condition and the outcome of the
- 8 child's treatment.
- 9 **Sec. 59.** RCW 74.13.031 and 1990 c 146 s 9 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
- 11 The department shall have the duty to provide child welfare 12 services as defined in RCW 74.13.020, and shall:
- (1) Develop, administer, supervise, and monitor a coordinated and comprehensive plan that establishes, aids, and strengthens services for the protection and care of homeless, runaway, dependent, or neglected children.
- (2) Develop a recruiting plan for recruiting an adequate number of prospective adoptive and foster homes, both regular and specialized, ((i.e.)) including homes for children of ethnic minority, ((including)) Indian homes for Indian children, sibling groups, handicapped and emotionally disturbed, and annually submit the plan for review to the
- 22 ((house and senate committees on social and health services))
- 23 <u>legislature</u>. The plan shall include a section entitled "Foster Home 24 Turn-Over, Causes and Recommendations."
- 25 (3) Investigate complaints of neglect, abuse, or abandonment of 26 children, and on the basis of the findings of such investigation, offer 27 child welfare services in relation to the problem to such parents,
- 28 legal custodians, or persons serving in loco parentis, and/or bring the
- 29 situation to the attention of an appropriate court, or another
- 30 community agency((: PROVIDED, That an)). No investigation is ((not))
- 31 required of nonaccidental injuries which are clearly not the result of
- 32 a lack of care or supervision by the child's parents, legal custodians,
- 33 or persons serving in loco parentis. If ((the)) an investigation
- 34 reveals that a crime may have been committed, the department shall
- 35 notify the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 36 (4) Offer, on a voluntary basis, family reconciliation services to families who are in conflict.

- 1 (5) Monitor out-of-home placements, on a timely and routine basis, 2 to assure the safety, well-being, and quality of care being provided is 3 within the scope of the intent of the legislature as defined in RCW 4 74.13.010 and 74.15.010, and annually submit a report delineating the 5 results to the ((house and senate committees on social and health 6 services)) legislature.
- 7 (6) Have authority to accept custody of children from parents and 8 ((to accept custody of children from)) juvenile courts, where 9 authorized to do so under law, to provide child welfare services including placement for adoption, and to provide for the physical care 10 11 of such children and make payment of maintenance costs if needed. Except where required by Public Law 95-608 (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1915), no 12 private adoption agency which receives children for adoption from the 13 department shall discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or color 14 15 when considering applications in their placement for adoption.
- 16 (7) Have authority to provide temporary shelter to children who 17 have run away from home and who are admitted to crisis residential 18 centers.

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- (8) Have authority to purchase care for $children((\dot{\tau}))$ and ((shall follow in general the policy of using)) use properly approved private agency services for the ((actual)) care and supervision of such children insofar as they are available, paying for care of such children as are accepted by the department as eligible for support at reasonable rates established by the department.
- (9) Establish a children's services advisory committee which shall assist the secretary in the development of a partnership plan for utilizing resources of the public and private sectors, and advise on all matters pertaining to child welfare, day care, licensing of child care agencies, adoption, and <u>related</u> services ((related thereto)). At least one-third of the membership shall be ((composed of)) child care providers, and at least one member shall represent the adoption community.
- 33 (10) Have authority to provide continued foster care or group care 34 for individuals from eighteen through twenty years of age to enable 35 them to complete their high school or vocational school program.
- 36 (11) Have authority within funds appropriated for foster care 37 services to purchase care for Indian children who are in the custody of 38 a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribally licensed child-placing 39 agency pursuant to parental consent, tribal court order, or state

is subject to the same eligibility standards and rates of support 2 3 applicable to other children for whom the department purchases care. 4 Notwithstanding any other provision of RCW 13.32A.170 through 13.32A.200 and 74.13.032 through 74.13.036, or of this section, all 5 services to be provided by the department of social and health services 6 7 under subsections (4)((-,)) and (6)((-, and (7))) of this section, 8 subject to the limitations of these subsections, may be provided by any 9 program offering such services funded pursuant to Titles II and III of 10 the federal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974.

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- 11 **Sec. 60.** RCW 74.13.032 and 1979 c 155 s 78 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 (1) The department shall establish, by contracts with private 14 vendors, ((not less than eight)) regional crisis residential centers((, which)) with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be 15 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the 16 department((. Each regional center)) and shall have an average of at 17 18 least four adult staff members and in no event less than three adult staff members to every eight children. ((The staff shall be trained so 19 that they may effectively counsel juveniles admitted to the centers, 20 provide treatment, supervision, and structure to the juveniles, and 21 carry out the responsibilities outlined in RCW 13.32A.090.)) 22
 - (2) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the department shall establish, by contracts with private vendors, regional crisis residential centers with secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to subsection (1) of this section.
- 29 <u>(3)</u> The department shall, in addition to the ((regional))
 30 facilities established under subsections (1) and (2) of this section,
 31 establish ((not less than thirty)) additional crisis residential
 32 centers pursuant to contract with licensed private group care ((or
 33 specialized foster home)) facilities.
- 34 <u>(4)</u> The staff at the facilities <u>established under this section</u>
 35 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles
 36 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and structure
 37 to the juveniles <u>that recognize the need for support and the varying</u>
 38 circumstances that cause children to leave their families, and carry

- 1 out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090. The 2 responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers, 3 be carried out by the department.
- (5) The secure facilities located within crisis residential ((facilities)) centers shall be operated ((as semi-secure facilities)) to conform with the definition in RCW 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no more than three adult staff members to every eight children. The staffing ratio shall continue to ensure the safety of the children.
- 10 (6) A center with secure facilities created under this section may not be located within, or on the same grounds as, other secure 11 structures including jails, juvenile detention facilities operated by 12 the state, or units of local government. However, the secretary may, 13 14 following consultation with the appropriate county legislative authority, make a written finding that location of a center with secure 15 16 facilities on the same grounds as another secure structure is the only practical location for a secure facility. Upon the written finding a 17 secure facility may be located on the same grounds as the secure 18 19 structure. Where a center is located in or adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be operated in a manner 20 that prevents in-person contact between the residents of the center and 21 the persons held in such facility. 22
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 61.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW to read as follows:
- No contract may provide reimbursement or compensation to a crisis residential center's secure facility for any service delivered or provided to a resident child after five consecutive days of residence.
- 28 **Sec. 62.** RCW 74.13.033 and 1992 c 205 s 213 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
- (1) If a resident of a center becomes by his or her behavior 30 disruptive to the facility's program, such resident may be immediately 31 32 removed to a separate area within the facility and counseled on an individual basis until such time as the child regains his or her 33 34 composure. The department may set rules and regulations establishing 35 additional procedures for dealing with severely disruptive children on the premises((, which procedures are consistent with the federal 36 37 juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974 and regulations

- and clarifying instructions promulgated thereunder. Nothing in this 1 2 section shall prohibit a center from referring any child who, as the result of a mental or emotional disorder, or intoxication by alcohol or 3 4 other drugs, is suicidal, seriously assaultive or seriously destructive 5 toward others, or otherwise similarly evidences an immediate need for emergency medical evaluation and possible care, for evaluation pursuant 6 7 to chapter 71.34 RCW or to a mental health professional pursuant to 8 chapter 71.05 RCW whenever such action is deemed appropriate and 9 consistent with law)).
- 10 (2) When the juvenile resides in this facility, all services deemed 11 necessary to the juvenile's reentry to normal family life shall be made 12 available to the juvenile as required by chapter 13.32A RCW. In 13 assessing the child and providing these services, the facility staff 14 shall:
 - (a) Interview the juvenile as soon as possible;

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- 16 (b) Contact the juvenile's parents and arrange for a counseling 17 interview with the juvenile and his or her parents as soon as possible;
 - (c) Conduct counseling interviews with the juvenile and his or her parents, to the end that resolution of the child/parent conflict is attained and the child is returned home as soon as possible; ((and))
 - (d) Provide additional crisis counseling as needed, to the end that placement of the child in the crisis residential center will be required for the shortest time possible, but not to exceed five consecutive days; and
 - (e) Convene, when appropriate, a multidisciplinary team.
- 26 (3) Based on the assessments done under subsection (2) of this section the facility staff may refer any child who, as the result of a 27 mental or emotional disorder, or intoxication by alcohol or other 28 29 drugs, is suicidal, seriously assaultive, or seriously destructive 30 toward others, or otherwise similarly evidences an immediate need for 31 emergency medical evaluation and possible care, for evaluation pursuant to chapter 71.34 RCW, to a mental health professional pursuant to 32 chapter 71.05 RCW, or to a chemical dependency specialist pursuant to 33 34 chapter 70.96A RCW whenever such action is deemed appropriate and 35 consistent with law.
- 36 <u>(4)</u> A juvenile taking unauthorized leave from ((this residence 37 may)) a facility shall be apprehended and returned to it by law 38 enforcement officers or other persons designated as having this 39 authority as provided in RCW 13.32A.050. If returned to the facility

after having taken unauthorized leave for a period of more than twentyfour hours a juvenile ((may)) shall be supervised by such a facility
for a period, pursuant to this chapter, which, unless where otherwise
provided, may not exceed five consecutive days on the premises. Costs
of housing juveniles admitted to crisis residential centers shall be
assumed by the department for a period not to exceed five consecutive
days.

- **Sec. 63.** RCW 74.13.034 and 1992 c 205 s 214 are each amended to 9 read as follows:
- (1) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential center established pursuant to RCW $74.13.032((\frac{(2)}{2}))$ may, if the center is unable to provide appropriate treatment, supervision, and structure to the child, be taken at department expense to another crisis residential center ((or)), the nearest regional secure residential center, or a secure facility with which it is collocated under RCW 74.13.032. Placement in both ((centers)) locations shall not exceed five consecutive days from the point of intake as provided in RCW 13.32A.130.

- (2) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential center established by this chapter may be placed physically by the department or the department's designee and, at departmental expense and approval, in a secure juvenile detention facility operated by the county in which the center is located for a maximum of forty-eight hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if the child has taken unauthorized leave from the center and the person in charge of the center determines that the center cannot provide supervision and structure adequate to ensure that the child will not again take unauthorized leave. Juveniles placed in such a facility pursuant to this section may not, to the extent possible, come in contact with alleged or convicted juvenile or adult offenders.
- (3) Any child placed in secure detention pursuant to this section shall, during the period of confinement, be provided with appropriate treatment by the department or the department's designee, which shall include the services defined in RCW 74.13.033(2). If the child placed in secure detention is not returned home or if an alternative living arrangement agreeable to the parent and the child is not made within twenty-four hours after the child's admission, the child shall be taken at the department's expense to a crisis residential center. Placement

- in the crisis residential center or centers plus placement in juvenile detention shall not exceed five consecutive days from the point of intake as provided in RCW 13.32A.130.
- 4 (4) Juvenile detention facilities used pursuant to this section 5 shall first be certified by the department to ensure that juveniles 6 placed in the facility pursuant to this section are provided with 7 living conditions suitable to the well-being of the child. Where space 8 is available, juvenile courts, when certified by the department to do 9 so, shall provide secure placement for juveniles pursuant to this 10 section, at department expense.
- (((5) It is the intent of the legislature that by July 1, 1982, crisis residential centers, supplemented by community mental health programs and mental health professionals, will be able to respond appropriately to children admitted to centers under this chapter and will be able to respond to the needs of such children with appropriate treatment, supervision, and structure.))
- 17 **Sec. 64.** RCW 74.13.035 and 1979 c 155 s 81 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 Crisis residential centers shall compile ((yearly)) quarterly 20 records which shall be transmitted to the department and which shall 21 contain information regarding population profiles of the children 22 admitted to the centers during each past calendar year. Such 23 information shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
- 24 (1) The number, <u>county of residency</u>, age, and sex of children 25 admitted to custody;
- 26 (2) Who brought the children to the center;
- 27 (3) Services provided to children admitted to the center;
- 28 (4) The circumstances which necessitated the children being brought 29 to the center;
- 30 (5) The ultimate disposition of cases;
- 31 (6) The number of children admitted to custody who ran away from 32 the center and their ultimate disposition, if any;
- 33 (7) Length of stay.
- 34 The department may require the provision of additional information and
- 35 may require each center to provide all such necessary information in a
- 36 uniform manner.
- 37 The department shall report to the legislature within one year of
- 38 the initial contracts establishing crisis residential centers operated

- 1 as a secure facility. The report shall evaluate and compare the
- 2 information required to be compiled in this section for the secure and
- 3 semi-secure facilities of crisis residential centers. The department
- 4 shall include plans for establishing secure facilities as funds are
- 5 <u>appropriated</u>.
- 6 A center may, in addition to being licensed as such, also be
- 7 licensed as a ((family foster home or)) group care facility and may
- 8 house on the premises juveniles assigned for temporary out-of-home
- 9 <u>placement or</u> foster or group care.
- 10 **Sec. 65.** RCW 74.13.036 and 1989 c 175 s 147 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 (1) The department of social and health services shall oversee
- 13 implementation of chapter 13.34 RCW and chapter 13.32A RCW. The
- 14 oversight shall be comprised of working with affected parts of the
- 15 criminal justice and child care systems as well as with local
- 16 government, legislative, and executive authorities to effectively carry
- 17 out these chapters. The department shall work with all such entities
- 18 to ensure that chapters 13.32A and 13.34 RCW are implemented in a
- 19 uniform manner throughout the state.
- 20 (2) The department shall((, by January 1, 1986,)) develop a plan
- 21 and procedures, in cooperation with the state-wide advisory committee,
- 22 to insure the full implementation of the provisions of chapter 13.32A
- 23 RCW. Such plan and procedures shall include but are not limited to:
- 24 (a) Procedures defining and delineating the role of the department
- 25 and juvenile court with regard to the execution of the ((alternative
- 26 residential)) child in need of services placement process;
- 27 (b) Procedures for designating department staff responsible for
- 28 family reconciliation services;
- 29 (c) Procedures assuring enforcement of contempt proceedings in
- 30 accordance with RCW 13.32A.170 and 13.32A.250; and
- 31 (d) Procedures for the continued education of all individuals in
- 32 the criminal juvenile justice and child care systems who are affected
- 33 by chapter 13.32A RCW, as well as members of the legislative and
- 34 executive branches of government.
- 35 ((The plan and procedures required under this subsection shall be
- 36 submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature by
- 37 January 1, 1986.))

- 1 There shall be uniform application of the procedures developed by
- 2 the department and juvenile court personnel, to the extent practicable.
- 3 Local and regional differences shall be taken into consideration in the
- 4 development of procedures required under this subsection.
- 5 (3) In addition to its other oversight duties, the department 6 shall:
- 7 (a) Identify and evaluate resource needs in each region of the 8 state;
- 9 (b) Disseminate information collected as part of the oversight 10 process to affected groups and the general public;
- 11 (c) Educate affected entities within the juvenile justice and child
- 12 care systems, local government, and the legislative branch regarding
- 13 the implementation of chapters 13.32A and 13.34 RCW;
- 14 (d) Review complaints concerning the services, policies, and
- 15 procedures of those entities charged with implementing chapters 13.32A
- 16 and 13.34 RCW; and
- 17 (e) Report any violations and misunderstandings regarding the
- 18 implementation of chapters 13.32A and 13.34 RCW.
- 19 (4) The secretary shall submit a quarterly report to the
- 20 appropriate local government entities.
- 21 (((5) Where appropriate, the department shall request opinions from
- 22 the attorney general regarding correct construction of these laws.))
- 23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 66. A new section is added to chapter 28A.225
- 24 RCW to read as follows:
- 25 For purposes of this chapter, "community truancy board" means a
- 26 board composed of members of the local community in which the child
- 27 attends school. The local school district boards of directors may
- 28 create a community truancy board. Members of the board shall be
- 29 selected from representatives of the community. Duties of a community
- 30 truancy board shall include, but not be limited to, recommending
- 31 methods for improving school attendance.
- 32 **Sec. 67.** RCW 28A.225.020 and 1992 c 205 s 202 are each amended to
- 33 read as follows:
- If a ((juvenile)) <u>child</u> required to attend school under the laws of
- 35 the state of Washington fails to attend school without valid
- 36 justification, the ((juvenile's)) <u>child's</u> school shall:

(1) Inform the ((juvenile's)) child's custodial parent, parents, or guardian by a notice in writing or by telephone ((that)) whenever the ((juvenile)) child has failed to attend school ((without valid justification)) after one unexcused absence within any month during the current school year;

- (2) Schedule a conference or conferences with the custodial parent, parents, or guardian and ((juvenile)) child at a time and place reasonably convenient for all persons included for the purpose of analyzing the causes of the ((juvenile's)) child's absences after two unexcused absences within any month during the current school year. If a regularly scheduled parent-teacher conference day is to take place within thirty days of the second unexcused absence, then the school district may schedule this conference on that day; and
- (3) Take steps to eliminate or reduce the ((juvenile's)) <u>child's</u> absences. These steps shall include, where appropriate, adjusting the ((juvenile's)) child's school program or school or course assignment, providing more individualized or remedial instruction, ((preparing the juvenile for employment with specific)) providing appropriate vocational courses or work experience, or ((both)) refer the child to a community truancy board, ((and)) or assisting the parent or ((student)) child to obtain supplementary services that might eliminate or ameliorate the cause or causes for the absence from school.
- **Sec. 68.** RCW 28A.225.030 and 1992 c 205 s 203 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

If the actions taken by a school ((pursuant to)) district under RCW 28A.225.020 (($\frac{is}{is}$)) <u>are</u> not successful in substantially reducing (($\frac{a}{is}$)) an enrolled student's absences from school, ((any of the following actions may be taken after five or more)) upon the fifth unexcused absence((s)) by a child within any month during the current school year or upon the tenth unexcused absence during the current school year((+ (1) The attendance officer of)) the school district ((through its attorney may)) shall file a petition with the juvenile court ((to assume jurisdiction under RCW 28A.200.010, 28A.200.020, and 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.150 for the purpose of)) alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010: (1) By the parent; ((or)) (2) ((a petition alleging a)violation of RCW 28A.225.010 by a)) by the child ((may be filed with the juvenile court by the parent of such child or by the attendance officer of the school district through its attorney at the request of

- 1 the parent. If the court assumes jurisdiction in such an instance, the
- 2 provisions of RCW 28A.200.010, 28A.200.020, and 28A.225.010 through
- 3 28A.225.150, except where otherwise stated, shall apply)); or (3) by
- 4 the parent and the child.
- 5 If the school district fails to file a petition under this section,
- 6 the parent of a child with five or more unexcused absences in any month
- 7 during the current school year or upon the tenth unexcused absence
- 8 during the current school year may file a petition with the juvenile
- 9 court alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010.
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 69.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225
- 11 RCW to read as follows:
- 12 (1) A petition under RCW 28A.225.030 shall consist of a written
- 13 notification to the court alleging that:
- 14 (a) The child has five or more unexcused absences within any month
- 15 during the current school year or ten or more unexcused absences in the
- 16 current school year;
- 17 (b) Actions taken by the school district have not been successful
- 18 in substantially reducing the child's absences from school; and
- 19 (c) Court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the
- 20 school district or parent to reduce the child's absences from school.
- 21 (2) The petition shall set forth the name, age, school, and
- 22 residence of the child and the names and residence of the child's
- 23 parents.
- 24 (3) The petition shall set forth facts that support the allegations
- 25 in this section and shall generally request relief available under this
- 26 chapter.
- 27 (4) When a petition is filed under RCW 28A.225.030, the juvenile
- 28 court may:
- 29 (a) Schedule a fact-finding hearing at which the court shall
- 30 consider the petition;
- 31 (b) Separately notify the child, the parent of the child, and the
- 32 school district of the fact-finding hearing;
- 33 (c) Notify the parent and the child of their rights to present
- 34 evidence at the fact-finding hearing; and
- 35 (d) Notify the parent and the child of the options and rights
- 36 available under chapter 13.32A RCW.
- 37 (5) The court may require the attendance of both the child and the
- 38 parents at any hearing on a petition filed under RCW 28A.225.030.

- 1 (6) The court shall grant the petition and enter an order assuming 2 jurisdiction to intervene for the remainder of the school year, if the 3 allegations in the petition are established by a preponderance of the 4 evidence.
- 5 (7) If the court assumes jurisdiction, the school district shall 6 regularly report to the court any additional unexcused absences by the 7 child.
- 8 **Sec. 70.** RCW 36.18.020 and 1993 c 435 s 1 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
- 10 Clerks of superior courts shall collect the following fees for 11 their official services:
- (1) The party filing the first or initial paper in any civil 12 13 action, including an action for restitution, or change of name, shall 14 pay, at the time ((said)) the paper is filed, a fee of one hundred ten dollars except in proceedings filed under RCW 26.50.030 or 49.60.227 15 where the petitioner shall pay a filing fee of twenty dollars, or in 16 proceedings filed under RCW 28A.225.030 alleging a violation of the 17 18 compulsory attendance laws where the petitioner shall not pay a filing fee, or an unlawful detainer action under chapter 59.18 or 59.20 RCW 19 where the plaintiff shall pay a filing fee of thirty dollars. 20 defendant serves or files an answer to an unlawful detainer complaint 21 under chapter 59.18 or 59.20 RCW, the plaintiff shall pay, prior to 22 23 proceeding with the unlawful detainer action, an additional eighty 24 dollars which shall be considered part of the filing fee. The thirty 25 dollar filing fee under this subsection for an unlawful detainer action shall not include an order to show cause or any other order or judgment 26 27 except a default order or default judgment in an unlawful detainer 28 action.
- (2) Any party, except a defendant in a criminal case, filing the first or initial paper on an appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction or any party on any civil appeal, shall pay, when ((said)) the paper is filed, a fee of one hundred ten dollars.
- 33 (3) The party filing a transcript or abstract of judgment or 34 verdict from a United States court held in this state, or from the 35 superior court of another county or from a district court in the county 36 of issuance, shall pay at the time of filing, a fee of fifteen dollars.
- 37 (4) For the filing of a tax warrant by the department of revenue of 38 the state of Washington, a fee of five dollars shall be paid.

- 1 (5) For the filing of a petition for modification of a decree of 2 dissolution, a fee of twenty dollars shall be paid.
- 3 (6) The party filing a demand for jury of six in a civil action, 4 shall pay, at the time of filing, a fee of fifty dollars; if the demand 5 is for a jury of twelve the fee shall be one hundred dollars. If, 6 after the party files a demand for a jury of six and pays the required 7 fee, any other party to the action requests a jury of twelve, an 8 additional fifty-dollar fee will be required of the party demanding the 9 increased number of jurors.
- (7) For filing any paper, not related to or a part of any proceeding, civil or criminal, or any probate matter, required or permitted to be filed in the clerk's office for which no other charge is provided by law, or for filing a petition, written agreement, or memorandum as provided in RCW 11.96.170, the clerk shall collect twenty dollars.
- (8) For preparing, transcribing or certifying any instrument on file or of record in the clerk's office, with or without seal, for the first page or portion thereof, a fee of two dollars, and for each additional page or portion thereof, a fee of one dollar. For authenticating or exemplifying any instrument, a fee of one dollar for each additional seal affixed.
- 22 (9) For executing a certificate, with or without a seal, a fee of 23 two dollars shall be charged.
- (10) For each garnishee defendant named in an affidavit for garnishment and for each writ of attachment, a fee of twenty dollars shall be charged.
- 27 (11) For approving a bond, including justification thereon, in 28 other than civil actions and probate proceedings, a fee of two dollars 29 shall be charged.
- 30 (12)In probate proceedings, the party instituting proceedings, shall pay at the time of filing the first paper therein, 31 a fee of one hundred ten dollars: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, A fee of twenty 32 dollars shall be charged for filing a will only, when no probate of the 33 will is contemplated. Except as provided for in subsection (13) of 34 35 this section a fee of two dollars shall be charged for filing a petition, written agreement, or memorandum as provided in RCW 36 37 11.96.170.
- 38 (13) For filing any petition to contest a will admitted to probate 39 or a petition to admit a will which has been rejected, or a petition

- 1 objecting to a written agreement or memorandum as provided in RCW 2 11.96.170, there shall be paid a fee of one hundred ten dollars.
- 3 (14) For the issuance of each certificate of qualification and each 4 certified copy of letters of administration, letters testamentary or 5 letters of guardianship there shall be a fee of two dollars.
- 6 (15) For the preparation of a passport application the clerk may 7 collect an execution fee as authorized by the federal government.
- 8 (16) For clerks' special services such as processing ex parte 9 orders by mail, performing historical searches, compiling statistical 10 reports, and conducting exceptional record searches the clerk may 11 collect a fee not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or portion of an 12 hour.
- 13 (17) For duplicated recordings of court's proceedings there shall 14 be a fee of ten dollars for each audio tape and twenty-five dollars for 15 each video tape.
- 16 (18) Upon conviction or plea of guilty, upon failure to prosecute 17 an appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction as provided by law, or 18 upon affirmance of a conviction by a court of limited jurisdiction, a 19 defendant in a criminal case shall be liable for a fee of one hundred 20 ten dollars.
- (19) With the exception of demands for jury hereafter made and garnishments hereafter issued, civil actions and probate proceedings filed prior to midnight, July 1, 1972, shall be completed and governed by the fee schedule in effect as of January 1, 1972: PROVIDED, That no fee shall be assessed if an order of dismissal on the clerk's record be filed as provided by rule of the supreme court.
- (20) No fee shall be collected when a petition for relinquishment of parental rights is filed pursuant to RCW 26.33.080 or for forms and instructional brochures provided under RCW 26.50.030.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 71. A new section is added to chapter 28A.225 RCW to read as follows:
- In any judicial district having a court commissioner, the court commissioner shall have the power, authority, and jurisdiction, concurrent with a juvenile court judge, to hear all cases under RCW 28A.225.030, 28A.225.090, and section 69 of this act and to enter judgment and make orders with the same power, force, and effect as any judge of the juvenile court, subject to motion or demand by any party within ten days from the entry of the order or judgment by the court

- 1 commissioner as provided in RCW 2.24.050. In any judicial district
- 2 having a family law commissioner appointed pursuant to chapter 26.12
- 3 RCW, the family law commissioner shall have the power, authority, and
- 4 jurisdiction, concurrent with a juvenile court judge, to hear cases
- 5 under RCW 28A.225.030, 28A.225.090, and section 69 of this act and to
- 6 enter judgment and make orders with the same power, force, and effect
- 7 as any judge of the juvenile court, subject to motion or demand by any
- 8 party within ten days from the entry of the order or judgment by the
- 9 court commissioner as provided in RCW 2.24.050.
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 72.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225
- 11 RCW to read as follows:
- 12 (1) Each school shall document the actions taken under RCW
- 13 28A.225.020 and 28A.225.030 and report this information at the end of
- 14 each grading period to the school district superintendent who shall
- 15 compile the data for all the schools in the district and prepare an
- 16 annual school district report for each school year and submit the
- 17 report to the superintendent of public instruction. The reports shall
- 18 be made upon forms furnished by the superintendent of public
- 19 instruction and shall be transmitted as determined by the
- 20 superintendent of public instruction.
- 21 (2) The reports under subsection (1) of this section shall include:
- 22 (a) The number of enrolled students and the number of excused and
- 23 unexcused absences;
- 24 (b) Documentation of the steps taken by the school district under
- 25 each subsection of RCW 28A.225.020;
- 26 (c) The number of enrolled students with ten or more unexcused
- 27 absences in a school year or five or more unexcused absences in a month
- 28 during a school year;
- 29 (d) Documentation of success by the school district in
- 30 substantially reducing enrolled student absences for students with five
- 31 or more absences in any month or ten or more unexcused absences in any
- 32 school year;
- 33 (e) The number of petitions filed by a school district or a parent
- 34 with the juvenile court; and
- 35 (f) The disposition of cases filed with the juvenile court,
- 36 including the frequency of contempt orders issued to enforce a court's
- 37 order under RCW 28A.225.090.

- 1 (3) A report required under this section shall not disclose the 2 name or other identification of a child or parent.
- 3 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall collect these 4 reports from all school districts and prepare an annual report for each 5 school year to be submitted to the legislature no later than December 6 15th of each year.
- 7 **Sec. 73.** RCW 28A.225.060 and 1990 c 33 s 223 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 Any ((attendance officer)) school district official, sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, police officer, or any other officer 10 authorized to make arrests, ((shall)) may take into custody without a 11 12 warrant a child who is required under the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 to attend school((, such child then being a truant 13 14 from instruction at the school which he or she is lawfully required to 15 attend)) and is absent from school without an approved excuse, and shall ((forthwith)) deliver ((a child so detained either)) the child 16 to: (1) ((to)) The custody of a person in parental relation to the 17 18 child ((or)): (2) ((to)) the school from which the child is ((then a)19 truant)) absent; or (3) a program designated by the school district.
- 20 **Sec. 74.** RCW 28A.225.090 and 1992 c 205 s 204 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
- 22 Any person violating any of the provisions of either RCW 23 28A.225.010 or 28A.225.080 shall be fined not more than twenty-five 24 dollars for each day of unexcused absence from school. child found to be in violation of RCW 28A.225.010 shall be required to 25 attend school and shall not be fined. If the child fails to comply 26 27 with the court order to attend school, the court may: (1) Order the 28 child be punished by detention; or ((may)) (2) impose alternatives to 29 detention such as community service hours or participation in dropout prevention programs or referral to a community truancy board, if 30 Failure by a child to comply with an order issued under 31 this section shall not be punishable by detention for a period greater 32 33 than that permitted pursuant to a contempt proceeding against a child under chapter 13.32A RCW. It shall be a defense for a parent charged 34 35 with violating RCW 28A.225.010 to show that he or she exercised reasonable diligence in attempting to cause a child in his or her 36 37 custody to attend school or that the ((juvenile's)) child's school did

- not perform its duties as required in RCW 28A.225.020. The court may order the parent to provide community service at the child's school 2 instead of imposing a fine. Any fine imposed pursuant to this section 3 4 may be suspended upon the condition that a parent charged with violating RCW 28A.225.010 shall participate with the school and the 5 ((juvenile)) child in a supervised plan for the ((juvenile's)) child's 6 7 attendance at school or upon condition that the parent attend a 8 conference or conferences scheduled by a school for the purpose of 9 analyzing the causes of a child's absence.
- ((Attendance officers)) School districts shall make complaint for violation of the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 to a judge of the ((superior or district)) juvenile court.
- 13 **Sec. 75.** RCW 28A.225.110 and 1990 c 33 s 228 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
- 15 Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 10.82.070, all fines except 16 as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140 shall ((inure and be applied to the support of the public schools in the 17 18 school district where such offense was committed: PROVIDED, That all 19 fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of a state law shall be 20 remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now exists or is later 21 22 amended)) be paid to the county treasurer who shall deposit the fine to 23 the credit of the courts in the county for the exclusive purpose of enforcing the provisions of RCW 28A.225.010 through 28A.225.140. 24
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 76. A new section is added to chapter 28A.225 RCW to read as follows:
- 27 (1) Prior to the beginning of each new semester, quarter, or other 28 academic period followed by a district, each district shall prepare a 29 list of its enrolled students who, during the previous one hundred eighty days, have substantially failed to carry out their school 30 attendance responsibility under RCW 28A.225.010(1). The list shall be 31 32 effective for the duration of the new semester, quarter, or other academic period. A student shall be considered to have "substantially 33 failed" to carry out this responsibility if the student has been absent 34 35 from school without excuse for five or more school days during the one hundred eighty school days preceding the date on which the list is 36 37 published. For purposes of this subsection, the number of "school

- days" absent without excuse shall be determined by dividing the number of hours the student was absent without excuse by the number of hours in the student's average school day.
- 4 (2) No student on the district's list prepared under subsection (1) of this section shall be permitted to enroll in a traffic safety 5 education course offered by a school district or offered by a driver 6 training school under chapter 46.82 RCW or shall be permitted to obtain 7 an application for a driver's license under chapter 46.20 RCW. 8 9 school district shall provide the notice specified under section 79 of 10 this act, resulting in the suspension of the student's driving privilege. 11
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 77.** A new section is added to chapter 46.82 RCW to read as follows:
- A driver training school may not provide instruction in the operation of an automobile to a minor who is subject to section 76 of this act, unless the driver training school is provided with a statement by the principal of the minor's school that the minor is not on the school district's list of students who have substantially failed to carry out their school attendance responsibilities.
- 20 **Sec. 78.** RCW 46.20.100 and 1990 c 250 s 36 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

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- The department of licensing shall not consider an application of any minor under the age of eighteen years for a driver's license or the issuance of a motorcycle endorsement for a particular category unless:
- (1) The application is also signed by a parent or guardian having the custody of such minor, or in the event a minor under the age of eighteen has no father, mother, or guardian, then a driver's license shall not be issued to the minor unless his or her application is also signed by the minor's employer; ((and))
- 30 (2) If the applicant is a student subject to section 76 of this 31 act, the department is provided with proof that the applicant is not on 32 the district's list of students who have substantially failed to carry 33 out their school attendance responsibilities.
- 34 (3) The applicant has satisfactorily completed a traffic safety 35 education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020, conducted by a 36 recognized secondary school, that meets the standards established by 37 the office of the state superintendent of public instruction or the

applicant has satisfactorily completed a traffic safety education 1 course, conducted by a commercial driving instruction enterprise, that 2 meets the standards established by the office of the superintendent of 3 4 public instruction and is officially approved by that office on an annual basis: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the director may upon a showing 5 that an applicant was unable to take or complete a driver education 6 7 course waive that requirement if the applicant shows to the 8 satisfaction of the department that a need exists for the applicant to 9 operate a motor vehicle and he or she has the ability to operate a 10 motor vehicle in such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of persons or property, under rules to be promulgated by the department in 11 concert with the supervisor of the traffic safety education section, 12 office of the superintendent of public instruction. For a person under 13 the age of eighteen years to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, he or she 14 15 must successfully complete a motorcycle safety education course that 16 meets the standards established by the department of licensing.

17 The department may waive any education requirement under this subsection for an applicant previously licensed to drive a motor 18 19 vehicle or motorcycle outside this state if the applicant provides proof satisfactory to the department that he or she has had education equivalent to that required under this subsection.

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22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 79.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW 23 to read as follows:

24 Upon receipt of a notice from a school district that a juvenile is 25 on the district's list of students who have substantially failed to carry out their school attendance responsibilities under section 76 of 26 27 this act, the department shall suspend for ninety days all driving privileges of such student. The department shall adopt rules to 28 29 implement this section.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 80. The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with school districts and the department of licensing, 31 32 shall develop necessary forms and procedures for demonstrating that juveniles are not on the school district's list of students who have 33 carry substantially failed to their school 34 out attendance 35 responsibilities. The procedures shall be established and operational by September 1, 1996. 36

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 81. (1) The Washington state institute for public policy shall review and evaluate the process of filing petitions under RCW 28A.225.030 and section 69 of this act, including:
 - (a) The number of petitions filed by school districts;
- 5 (b) The disposition of petitions filed;

- 6 (c) The frequency of penalties and fines ordered by the courts;
- 7 (d) The frequency of contempt orders issued to enforce court 8 orders; and
- 9 (e) The effectiveness of the petition process in reducing unexcused 10 absences.
- 11 The institute shall submit a report of its findings to the 12 legislature by January 1, 1998.
- 13 (2) The institute, in consultation with the superintendent of 14 public instruction and other members of the education community, shall 15 review and evaluate the need to develop a state-wide definition of 16 excused and unexcused absences. The institute shall submit a report of 17 its findings to the legislature by January 1, 1996.
- 18 (3) The institute, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, and other members of the education community, shall review and evaluate the need to prohibit school districts from suspending or expelling students as disciplinary measures in response to unexcused absences of the students. The institute shall submit a report of its findings to the legislature by January 1, 1996.
- 25 (4) If specific funding for the purpose of this section is not 26 provided by June 30, 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this 27 section is null and void.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 82. A new section is added to chapter 28A.600 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 School district boards of directors shall review school district 31 policies regarding access and egress by students from secondary school
- 32 grounds during school hours. Each school district board of directors
- 33 shall adopt a policy specifying any restrictions on students leaving
- 34 secondary school grounds during school hours.
- 35 **Sec. 83.** RCW 82.14.300 and 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds and declares that local government criminal justice systems are in need of assistance. Many counties and cities are unable to provide sufficient funding for additional police protection, mitigation of congested court systems, public safety education, and relief of overcrowded jails.

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In order to ensure public safety, it is necessary to provide fiscal assistance to help local governments to respond immediately to these criminal justice problems, while initiating a review of the criminal justice needs of cities and counties and the resources available to address those needs.

To provide for a more efficient and effective response to these problems, the legislature encourages cities and counties to coordinate strategies against crime and use multijurisdictional and innovative approaches in addressing criminal justice problems.

((The legislature intends to provide fiscal assistance to counties and cities in the manner provided in this act until the report of the task force created under RCW 82.14.301 is available for consideration by the legislature.))

- 19 **Sec. 84.** RCW 82.14.320 and 1993 sp.s. c 21 s 2 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
- 21 (1) The municipal criminal justice assistance account is created in 22 the state treasury.
- 23 (2) No city may receive a distribution under this section from the 24 municipal criminal justice assistance account unless:
- 25 (a) The city has a crime rate in excess of one hundred twenty-five 26 percent of the state-wide average as calculated in the most recent 27 annual report on crime in Washington state as published by the 28 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
- (b) The city has levied the tax authorized in RCW 82.14.030(2) at the maximum rate or the tax authorized in RCW 82.46.010(3) at the maximum rate; and
- 32 (c) The city has a per capita yield from the tax imposed under RCW 33 82.14.030(1) at the maximum rate of less than one hundred fifty percent 34 of the state-wide average per capita yield for all cities from such 35 local sales and use tax.
- 36 (3) The moneys deposited in the municipal criminal justice 37 assistance account for distribution under this section shall be

1 distributed at such times as distributions are made under RCW 2 82.44.150. The distributions shall be made as follows:

- (a) Unless reduced by this subsection, thirty percent of the moneys 3 4 shall be distributed ratably based on population as last determined by 5 the office of financial management to those cities eligible under subsection (2) of this section that have a crime rate determined under 6 7 subsection (2)(a) of this section which is greater than one hundred 8 seventy-five percent of the state-wide average crime rate. No city may 9 receive more than fifty percent of any moneys distributed under this 10 subsection (a) but, if a city distribution is reduced as a result of exceeding the fifty percent limitation, the amount not distributed 11 shall be distributed under (b) of this subsection. 12
- 13 (b) The remainder of the moneys, including any moneys not 14 distributed in subsection (2)(a) of this section, shall be distributed 15 to all cities eligible under subsection (2) of this section ratably 16 based on population as last determined by the office of financial 17 management.
- 18 (4) No city may receive more than thirty percent of all moneys 19 distributed under subsection (3) of this section.
- 20 (5) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the distributions to any city that substantially decriminalizes or repeals 22 its criminal code after July 1, 1990, and that does not reimburse the 23 county for costs associated with criminal cases under RCW 3.50.800 or 3.50.805(2), shall be made to the county in which the city is located.
- 25 (6) Moneys distributed under this section shall be expended 26 exclusively for criminal justice purposes and shall not be used to replace or supplant existing funding. Criminal justice purposes are 27 defined as activities that substantially assist the criminal justice 28 system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to the 29 30 civil justice system occurs, and which includes domestic violence 31 services such as those provided by domestic violence programs, community advocates, and legal advocates, as defined in RCW 70.123.020, 32 and publications and public educational efforts designed to provide 33 34 information and assistance to parents in dealing with runaway or at-35 risk youth. Existing funding for purposes of this subsection is defined as calendar year 1989 actual operating expenditures for 36 37 criminal justice purposes. Calendar year 1989 actual operating expenditures for criminal justice purposes exclude the following: 38 39 Expenditures for extraordinary events not likely to reoccur, changes in

- 1 contract provisions for criminal justice services, beyond the control
- 2 of the local jurisdiction receiving the services, and major
- 3 nonrecurring capital expenditures.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 85. (1) Section 71 of this act shall take
- 5 effect September 1, 1995.
- 6 (2) Section 82 of this act shall take effect September 1, 1996.
- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 86.** The following acts or parts of acts are
- 8 each repealed:
- 9 (1) RCW 28A.225.040 and 1990 c 33 s 221 & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s
- 10 28A.27.030;
- 11 (2) RCW 28A.225.050 and 1990 c 33 s 222, 1986 c 132 s 4, 1975 1st
- 12 ex.s. c 275 s 56, 1971 c 48 s 9, 1969 ex.s. c 176 s 105, & 1969 ex.s.
- 13 c 223 s 28A.27.040;
- 14 (3) RCW 28A.225.070 and 1990 c 33 s 224, 1975 1st ex.s. c 275 s 57,
- 15 1969 ex.s. c 176 s 106, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.27.080;
- 16 (4) RCW 28A.225.100 and 1990 c 33 s 227, 1987 c 202 s 190, 1975 1st
- 17 ex.s. c 275 s 58, & 1970 ex.s. c 15 s 14;
- 18 (5) RCW 28A.225.120 and 1990 c 33 s 229, 1986 c 132 s 6, 1979 ex.s.
- 19 c 201 s 7, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.27.110;
- 20 (6) RCW 28A.225.130 and 1990 c 33 s 230, 1987 c 202 s 192, & 1969
- 21 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.27.120; and
- 22 (7) RCW 28A.225.150 and 1992 c 205 s 205, 1990 c 33 s 232, & 1986
- 23 c 132 s 7.
- 24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 87.** If specific funding for the purposes of
- 25 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
- 26 30, 1995, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
- 27 void."

- 28 **E2SSB 5439** CONF REPT
- 29 By Conference Committee
- On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "families;" strike the
- 32 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 13.32A.010, 13.32A.030,
- 33 13.32A.040, 13.32A.050, 13.32A.060, 13.32A.070, 13.32A.090, 13.32A.120,
- 34 13.32A.130, 13.32A.140, 13.32A.150, 13.32A.160, 13.32A.170, 13.32A.175,

13.32A.177, 13.32A.180, 13.32A.190, 13.32A.192, 13.32A.194, 13.32A.196, 1 13.32A.250, 13.04.030, 13.04.040, 13.04.093, 43.43.510, 70.96A.090, 2 70.96A.095, 70.96A.140, 71.34.030, 71.34.050, 71.34.070, 74.13.031, 3 4 74.13.032, 74.13.033, 74.13.034, 74.13.035, 74.13.036, 28A.225.020, 28A.225.030, 36.18.020, 28A.225.060, 28A.225.090, 5 28A.225.110, 46.20.100, 82.14.300, and 82.14.320; adding new sections to chapter 6 13.32A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding new 7 8 sections to chapter 70.96A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 71.34 9 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding new sections to 10 chapter 28A.225 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.82 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; creating new sections; repealing 11 RCW 28A.225.040, 28A.225.050, 28A.225.070, 28A.225.100, 28A.225.120, 12 28A.225.130, and 28A.225.150; prescribing penalties; and providing 13 14 effective dates."

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