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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5578** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove and Winsley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to technical clarifying changes to the family
- 2 reconciliation act; and amending RCW 13.32A.030, 13.32A.050,
- 3 13.32A.060, 13.32A.130, 13.32A.140, 13.32A.160, 13.32A.179, 13.32A.192,
- 4 and 74.13.037.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.030 and 1996 c 133 s 9 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 As used in this chapter the following terms have the meanings
- 9 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 10 (1) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily
- 11 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center, or his or
- 12 her designee.
- 13 (2) "At-risk youth" means a juvenile:
- 14 (a) Who is absent from home for at least seventy-two consecutive
- 15 hours without consent of his or her parent;
- 16 (b) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the
- 17 child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child
- 18 or any other person; or

- 1 (c) Who has a substance abuse problem for which there are no 2 pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.
- 3 (3) "Child," "juvenile," and "youth" mean any unemancipated 4 individual who is under the chronological age of eighteen years.
  - (4) "Child in need of services" means a juvenile:
- 6 (a) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the 7 child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child 8 or other person;
- 9 (b) Who has been reported to law enforcement as absent without 10 consent for at least twenty-four consecutive hours from the parent's 11 home, a crisis residential center, an out-of-home placement, or a 12 court-ordered placement on two or more separate occasions; and
  - (i) Has exhibited a serious substance abuse problem; or
- (ii) Has exhibited behaviors that create a serious risk of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; or
- 16 (c)(i) Who is in need of necessary services, including food, 17 shelter, health care, clothing, educational, or services designed to 18 maintain or reunite the family;
- 19 (ii) Who lacks access, or has declined, to utilize these services; 20 and
- (iii) Whose parents have evidenced continuing but unsuccessful efforts to maintain the family structure or are unable or unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure.
- (5) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed in 25 juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department seeking 26 adjudication of placement of the child.
- 27 (6) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure 28 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.
- 29 (7) "Custodian" means the person or entity who has the legal right 30 to the custody of the child.
- 31 (8) "Department" means the department of social and health 32 services.
- (9) "Extended family member" means an adult who is 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.
- 37 (10) "Guardian" means that person or agency that (a) has been 38 appointed as the guardian of a child in a legal proceeding other than 39 a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, and (b) has the right to legal

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custody of the child pursuant to such appointment. The term "guardian" does not include a "dependency guardian" appointed pursuant to a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

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- 4 (11) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group formed to provide 5 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 6 7 parent, a department case worker, a local government representative 8 when authorized by the local government, and when appropriate, members 9 from the mental health and substance abuse disciplines. The team may 10 also include, but is not limited to, the following persons: Educators, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, employers, 11 persons, tribal members, therapists, medical personnel, social service 12 13 providers, placement providers, and extended family members. The team members shall be volunteers who do not receive compensation while 14 15 acting in a capacity as a team member, unless the member's employer chooses to provide compensation or the member is a state employee. 16
- 17 (12) "Out-of-home placement" means a placement in a foster family 18 home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW or 19 placement in a home, other than that of the child's parent, guardian, 20 or legal custodian, not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 21 74.15 RCW.
- 22 (13) "Parent" means the parent or parents who have the legal right 23 to custody of the child. "Parent" includes custodian or guardian.
- (14) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from leaving without permission of the facility staff.
- (15) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility, including but not 28 limited to crisis residential centers or specialized foster family 29 30 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed 31 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable hours 32 33 for residents to come and go from the facility such that no residents 34 are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night. To prevent 35 residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving the facility upon 36 37 resident being accompanied by the administrator or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to notify the 38 39 administrator or the administrator's designee of any intent to leave,

- 1 his or her intended destination, and the probable time of his or her 2 return to the center.
- 3 (16) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care facility
  4 licensed under rules adopted by the department with a ratio of at least
- 5 one adult staff member to every two children.
- 6 (17) "Temporary out-of-home placement" means an out-of-home 7 placement of not more than fourteen days ordered by the court at a 8 fact-finding hearing on a child in need of services petition.
- 9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.32A.050 and 1996 c 133 s 10 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
- 11 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:
- 12 (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the parent of 13 the child that the child is absent from parental custody without 14 consent; or
- 15 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering 16 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is in 17 circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or that 18 a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or
- 19 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child 20 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away from 21 placement; or
- (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the juvenile court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe that the child has violated a court placement order issued pursuant to chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW or that the court has issued an order for law enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter or chapter 13.34 RCW.
- (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of 28 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination 29 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. 30 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer 31 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity under 32 this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is available. 33 34 Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person, agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept custody. 35
- 36 (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody 37 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and 38 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer shall,

- within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the department with
- 5 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the juvenile 6 into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center have 7 reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home because 8 he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made immediately to
- 9 the department.

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a copy of the officer's report.

- 10 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of minors in 12 public places by ordinance or other local law.
- 13 (6) If a law enforcement officer receives a report that causes the 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 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.
- 20 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as provided 21 in this chapter.
- 22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.32A.060 and 1996 c 133 s 11 are each amended to 23 read as follows:
- (1) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1) call or (b) shall inform the child of the reason for such custody and
- 26 shall:
- (a) Transport the child to his or her home or to a parent at his or 27 her place of employment, if no parent is at home. The parent may 28 29 request that the officer take the child to the home of an adult extended family member, responsible adult, crisis residential center, 30 the department, or a licensed youth shelter. In responding to the 31 32 request of the parent, the officer shall take the child to a requested place which, in the officer's belief, is within a reasonable distance 33 34 of the parent's home. The officer releasing a child into the custody of a parent, an adult extended family member, responsible adult, or a 35 36 licensed youth shelter shall inform the person receiving the child of the reason for taking the child into custody and inform all parties of 37

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- 1 the nature and location of appropriate services available in the 2 community; or
- 3 (b) After attempting to notify the parent, take the child to a 4 designated crisis residential center's secure facility or a center's 5 semi-secure facility if a secure facility is full, not available, or 6 not located within a reasonable distance:
- 7 (i) If the child expresses fear or distress at the prospect of 8 being returned to his or her home which leads the officer to believe 9 there is a possibility that the child is experiencing some type of 10 child abuse or neglect, as defined in RCW 26.44.020;
- 11 (ii) If it is not practical to transport the child to his or her 12 home or place of the parent's employment; or
- 13 (iii) If there is no parent available to accept custody of the 14 child; or
- (c) After attempting to notify the parent, if a crisis residential 15 center is full, not available, or not located within a reasonable 16 17 distance, the officer may request the department to accept custody of 18 the child. If the department determines that an appropriate placement 19 is currently available, the department shall accept custody and place 20 the child in an out-of-home placement. Upon accepting custody of a child from the officer, the department may place the child in an out-21 of-home placement for up to seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, 22 Sundays, and holidays, without filing a child in need of services 23 24 petition under this chapter, obtaining parental consent, or obtaining 25 an order for placement under chapter 13.34 RCW. Upon transferring a child to the department's custody, the officer shall provide written 26 documentation of the reasons and the statutory basis for taking the 27 child into custody. If the department declines to accept custody of 28 the child, the officer may release the child after attempting to take 29 30 the child to the following, in the order listed: The home of an adult 31 extended family member; a responsible adult; a licensed youth shelter and shall immediately notify the department if no placement option is 32 available and the child is released. 33
- (2) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1) (c) or (d) shall inform the child of the reason for custody. An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1)(c) may release the child to the supervising agency, or shall take the child to a designated crisis residential center's secure facility. If the secure facility is not available, not located within a reasonable

- distance, or full, the officer shall take the child to a semi-secure crisis residential center. An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1)(d) may place the child in a juvenile detention facility as provided in RCW 13.32A.065 or a secure facility, except that the child shall be taken to detention whenever the officer has been notified that a juvenile court has entered a detention order under this chapter or chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 8 (3) Whenever an officer transfers custody of a child to a crisis residential center or the department, the child may reside in the 9 10 crisis residential center or may be placed by the department in an outof-home placement for an aggregate total period of time not to exceed 11 seventy-two hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. 12 Thereafter, the child may continue in out-of-home placement only if the 13 14 parents have consented, a child in need of services petition has been 15 filed under this chapter, or an order for placement has been entered 16 under chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 17 <u>(4)</u> The department shall ensure that all law enforcement 18 authorities are informed on a regular basis as to the location of all 19 designated secure and semi-secure facilities within centers in their 20 jurisdiction, where children taken into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 21 may be taken.
- 22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.32A.130 and 1996 c 133 s 8 are each amended to read 23 as follows:
- (1) A child admitted to a secure facility within a crisis residential center shall remain in the facility for not more than five consecutive days, but for at least twenty-four hours after admission. If the child admitted under this section is transferred between centers or between secure and semi-secure facilities, the aggregate length of time spent in all such centers or facilities may not exceed five consecutive days.
- (2)(a)(i) The facility administrator shall determine within twentyfour hours after a child's admission to a secure facility whether the
  child is likely to remain in a semi-secure facility and may transfer
  the child to a semi-secure facility or release the child to the
  department. 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

- 1 semi-secure facility until his or her parents can take the child home 2 or a petition can be filed under this title.
- (ii) In making the determination the administrator shall consider 3 4 the following information if known: (A) The child's age and maturity; (B) the child's condition upon arrival at the center; (C) the 5 circumstances that led to the child's being taken to the center; (D) 6 7 whether the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare 8 of the child or any other person; (E) the child's history of running 9 away which has endangered the health, safety, and welfare of the child; 10 and (F) the child's willingness to cooperate in the assessment.
- (b) If the administrator of a secure facility determines the child 11 is unlikely to remain in a semi-secure facility, the administrator 12 13 shall keep the child in the secure facility pursuant to this chapter and in order to provide for space for the child may transfer another 14 child who has been in the facility for at least seventy-two hours to a 15 16 semi-secure facility. The administrator shall only make a transfer of a child after determining that the child who may be transferred is 17 likely to remain at the semi-secure facility. 18
- 19 (c) A crisis residential center administrator is authorized to 20 transfer a child to a crisis residential center in the area where the 21 child's parents reside or where the child's lawfully prescribed 22 residence is located.
- (d) An administrator may transfer a child from a semi-secure facility to a secure facility whenever he or she reasonably believes that the child is likely to leave the semi-secure facility and not return and after full consideration of all factors in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection.
- (3) If no parent is available or willing to remove the child during the ((five-day period)) first seventy-two hours following admission, the department shall consider the filing of a 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 RCW 13.32A.125; (c) placed in an out-of-home placement; or (d) the subject of an at-risk youth petition.
- (5)) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the parents may remove the child at any time during the five-

day period unless the staff of the crisis residential center has 1 reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from the home 2 3 because he or she is abused or neglected or if allegations of abuse or 4 neglect have been made against the parents. The department or any agency legally charged with the supervision of a child may remove a 5 child from a crisis residential center at any time after the first 6 7 twenty-four-hour period after admission has elapsed and only after full 8 consideration by all parties of the factors in subsection (2)(a) of 9 this section.

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(((6))) (5) Crisis residential center staff shall make reasonable efforts to protect the child and achieve a reconciliation of the family. If a reconciliation and voluntary return of the child has not been achieved within forty-eight hours from the time of intake, and if the administrator of the center does not consider it likely that reconciliation will be achieved within the five-day period, then the administrator shall inform the parent and child of: availability of counseling services; (b) the right to file a child in need of services petition for an 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 filing the petition; (c) the right to request the facility administrator or his or her designee to form a multidisciplinary team; (d) the right to request a review of any outof-home placement; (e) the right to request a mental health or chemical dependency evaluation by a county-designated professional or a private treatment facility; and (f) the right to request treatment in a program to address the child's at-risk behavior under RCW 13.32A.197.

((<del>(7)</del>)) (6) At no time shall information regarding a parent's or child's rights be withheld. The department shall develop and distribute to all law enforcement agencies and to each crisis residential center administrator a written statement delineating the services and rights. Every officer taking a child into custody shall provide the child and his or her parent(s) or responsible adult with 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 every resident and parent with a copy of the statement.

 $((\frac{8}{1}))$  (7) A crisis residential center and its administrator or his or her designee acting in good faith in carrying out the provisions of this section are immune from criminal or civil liability for such actions.

- 1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.32A.140 and 1996 c 133 s 19 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
- 3 Unless the department files a dependency petition, the department
- 4 shall file a child in need of services petition to approve an out-of-
- 5 home placement on behalf of a child under any of the following sets of
- 6 circumstances:
- 7 (1) The child has been admitted to a crisis residential center or
- 8 has been placed by the department in an out-of-home placement, and:
- 9 (a) The parent has been notified that the child was so admitted or 10 placed;
- 11 (b) ((Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and
- 12 holidays, have passed since such notification)) The child cannot return
- 13 <u>home</u>, and <u>legal</u> authorization is <u>needed</u> for <u>out-of-home</u> <u>placement</u>
- 14 beyond seventy-two hours;
- 15 (c) No agreement between the parent and the child as to where the
- 16 child shall live has been reached;
- 17 (d) No child in need of services petition has been filed by either
- 18 the child or parent;
- 19 (e) The parent has not filed an at-risk youth petition; and
- 20 (f) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of
- 21 his or her parent.
- 22 (2) The child has been admitted to a crisis residential center and:
- 23 (a) Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays,
- 24 have passed since such placement;
- 25 (b) The staff, after searching with due diligence, have been unable
- 26 to contact the parent of such child; and
- 27 (c) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of
- 28 his or her parent.
- 29 (3) An agreement between parent and child made pursuant to RCW
- 30 13.32A.090(2)(e) or pursuant to RCW 13.32A.120(1) is no longer
- 31 acceptable to parent or child, and:
- 32 (a) The party to whom the arrangement is no longer acceptable has
- 33 so notified the department;
- 34 (b) Seventy-two hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays,
- 35 have passed since such notification;
- 36 (c) No new agreement between parent and child as to where the child
- 37 shall live has been reached;
- 38 (d) No child in need of services petition has been filed by either
- 39 the child or the parent;

- 1 (e) The parent has not filed an at-risk youth petition; and
- 2 (f) The child has no suitable place to live other than the home of 3 his or her parent.

4 Under the circumstances of subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this 5 section, the child shall remain in an out-of-home placement until a child in need of services petition filed by the department on behalf of 6 the child is reviewed by the juvenile court and is resolved by the 7 8 court. The department may authorize emergency medical or dental care 9 for a child admitted to a crisis residential center or placed in an 10 out-of-home placement by the department. The state, when the department files a child in need of services petition under this 11 section, shall be represented as provided for in RCW 13.04.093. 12

- 13 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.32A.160 and 1996 c 133 s 22 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
- 15 (1) When a proper child in need of services petition to approve an out-of-home placement is filed under RCW 13.32A.120, 13.32A.140, or 16 13.32A.150 the juvenile court shall: (a)(i) Schedule a fact-finding 17 18 hearing to be held: (A) For a child who ((is)) resides in a ((center 19 or a child who is not residing at home, nor in an out-of-home placement)) place other than his or her parent's home and other than an 20 out-of-home placement, within five calendar days unless the last 21 calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case the 22 23 hearing shall be held on the preceding judicial day; or (B) for ((any 24 other)) a child <u>living at home or in an out-of-home placement</u>, within 25 ten days; and (ii) notify the parent, child, and the department of such date; (b) notify the parent of the right to be represented by counsel 26 and, if indigent, to have counsel appointed for him or her by the 27 court; (c) appoint legal counsel for the child; (d) inform the child 28 29 and his or her parent of the legal consequences of the court approving 30 or disapproving a child in need of services petition; (e) notify the parents of their rights under this chapter and chapters 11.88, 13.34, 31 70.96A, and 71.34 RCW, including the right to file an at-risk youth 32 petition, the right to submit an application for admission of their 33 34 child to a treatment facility for alcohol, chemical dependency, or mental health treatment, and the right to file a guardianship petition; 35 36 and (f) notify all parties, including the department, of their right to present evidence at the fact-finding hearing. 37

- 1 (2) Upon filing of a child in need of services petition, the child 2 may be placed, if not already placed, by the department in a crisis 3 residential center, foster family home, group home facility licensed 4 under chapter 74.15 RCW, or any other suitable residence to be 5 determined by the department. The court may place a child in a crisis 6 residential center for a temporary out-of-home placement as long as the 7 requirements of RCW 13.32A.125 are met.
- 8 (3) If the child has been placed in a foster family home or group 9 care facility under chapter 74.15 RCW, the child shall remain there, or 10 in any other suitable residence as determined by the department, 11 pending resolution of the petition by the court. Any placement may be 12 reviewed by the court within three judicial days upon the request of 13 the juvenile or the juvenile's parent.
- 14 **Sec. 7.** RCW 13.32A.179 and 1996 c 133 s 24 are each amended to 15 read as follows:
- (1) A disposition hearing shall be held no later than fourteen days after the approval of the temporary out-of-home placement. The parents, child, and department shall be notified by the court of the time and place of the hearing.
- (2) At the conclusion of the disposition hearing, the court may: 20 21 (a) Reunite the family and dismiss the petition; (b) approve an at-risk 22 youth petition filed by the parents and dismiss the child in need of 23 services petition; (c) approve an out-of-home placement requested in 24 the child in need of services petition by the parents; (d) order an 25 out-of-home placement at the request of the child or the department not to exceed ninety days; or (e) order the department to review the matter 26 for purposes of filing a dependency petition under chapter 13.34 RCW. 27 28 Whether or not the court approves or orders an out-of-home placement, 29 the court may also order any conditions of supervision as set forth in RCW 13.32A.196(2). 30
- (3) The court may only enter an order under subsection (2)(d) of 31 this section if it finds by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence 32 33 that: (a)(i) The order is in the best interest of the family; (ii) the 34 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) 35 36 the child has made reasonable efforts to resolve the problems that led to the filing of the petition; (v) the problems cannot be resolved by 37 delivery of services to the family during continued placement of the 38

- child in the parental home; (vi) reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for 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 child; and (ii) the parents are unavailable; or (c) the parent's actions cause an imminent threat to the child's health or safety.
- 8 (4) The court may order the department to submit a dispositional 9 plan if such a plan would assist the court in ordering a suitable disposition in the case. The plan, if ordered, shall address ((only 10 the needs of the child and shall not address the perceived needs of the 11 parents, unless the order was entered under subsection (2)(d) of this 12 13 section or specifically agreed to by the parents)) the needs of the child, and the perceived needs of the parents if the order was entered 14 15 under subsection (2)(d) of this section or if specifically agreed to by the parents. If the parents do not agree or the order was not entered 16 under subsection (2)(d) of this section the plan may only make 17 recommendations regarding services in which the parents may voluntarily 18 19 participate. If the court orders the department to prepare a plan, the 20 department shall provide copies of the plan to the parent, the child, and the court. If the parties or the court desire the department to be 21 involved in any future proceedings or case plan development, the 22 23 department shall be provided with timely notification of all court 24 hearings.
- (5) A child who fails to comply with a court order issued under this section shall be subject to contempt proceedings, as provided in this chapter, but only if the noncompliance occurs within one year after the entry of the order.
- (6) After the court approves or orders an out-of-home placement, the parents or the department may request, and the court may grant, dismissal of the child in need of services proceeding when it is not feasible for the department to provide services due to one or more of the following 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 37 in available, appropriate intervention aimed at reunifying the family; 38 or

- (c) The department has exhausted all available and appropriate 1 2 resources that would result in reunification.
- (7) The court shall dismiss a placement made under subsection 3 4 (2)(c) of this section upon the request of the parents.
- 5 RCW 13.32A.192 and 1996 c 133 s 26 are each amended to Sec. 8. 6 read as follows:
- (1) When a proper at-risk youth petition is filed by a child's 7 parent under this chapter, the juvenile court shall: 8
- 9 (a)(i) Schedule a fact-finding hearing to be held: (A) For a child who ((is)) resides in a ((center or a child who is not residing at 10 home, nor in an out-of-home placement)) place other than his or her 11 parent's home and other than an out-of-home placement, within five 12 calendar days unless the last calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday, or 13 14 holiday, in which case the hearing shall be held on the preceding 15 judicial day; or (B) for ((any other)) a child living at home or in an out-of-home placement, within ten days; and (ii) notify the parent and 16 the child of such date; 17
- 18 (b) Notify the parent of the right to be represented by counsel at 19 the parent's own expense;
  - (c) Appoint legal counsel for the child;
- (d) Inform the child and his or her parent of the legal 21 consequences of the court finding the child to be an at-risk youth; and 22
- 23 (e) Notify the parent and the child of their rights to present 24 evidence at the fact-finding hearing.
- 25 (2) Unless out-of-home placement of the child is otherwise authorized or required by law, the child shall reside in the home of 26 his or her parent or in an out-of-home placement requested by the 27 parent or child and approved by the parent. 28
- 29 (3) If upon sworn written or oral declaration of the petitioning parent, the court has reason to believe that a child has willfully and 30 knowingly violated a court order issued pursuant to subsection (2) of 31 32 this section, the court may issue an order directing law enforcement to 33 take the child into custody and place the child in a juvenile detention 34 facility or in a secure facility within a crisis residential center.
- If the child is placed in detention, a review shall be held as provided 35 36 in RCW 13.32A.065.
- (4) If both a child in need of services petition and an at-risk 37 youth petition have been filed with regard to the same child, the 38

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- 1 petitions and proceedings shall be consolidated as an at-risk youth
- 2 petition. Pending a fact-finding hearing regarding the petition, the
- 3 child may be placed in the parent's home or in an out-of-home placement
- 4 if not already placed in a temporary out-of-home placement pursuant to
- 5 a child in need of services petition. The child or the parent may
- 6 request a review of the child's placement including a review of any
- 7 court order requiring the child to reside in the parent's home.
- 8 **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.13.037 and 1996 c 133 s 39 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
- 10 Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
- 11 department shall establish, by contracts with private vendors,
- 12 transitional living programs for ((dependent)) youth who are being
- 13 assisted by the department in being emancipated as part of their
- 14 permanency plan under chapter 13.34 RCW. These programs shall be
- 15 licensed under rules adopted by the department.

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