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President of the Senate

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GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2574** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Ogden, Dunn, Tokuda, Hankins, O'Brien, Jarrett, Fromhold, Santos, Schual-Berke and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a children's system of care; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The secretary shall establish
6 demonstration sites for statewide implementation of a children's system
7 of care. The demonstration sites shall be selected using the following
8 criteria:

9 (a) The system administrator must be the recipient of funding by
10 the federal center for mental health services for the purpose of
11 developing a system of care for children with emotional and behavioral
12 disorders;

13 (b) The system administrator must have established a process for
14 ongoing input and coordination from the public health and safety
15 network or networks established in the catchment area of the project;
16 and

17 (c) The system administrator may be a project site under a Title
18 IV-E waiver.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section, "children's system of care"
2 means a centralized community care coordination system representing a
3 philosophy about the way services should be delivered to children and
4 their families, using existing resources of various child-serving
5 agencies addressing the problems of children with emotional and
6 behavioral disorders. The agencies represented may include providers
7 of mental health services, drug and alcohol services, services for the
8 developmentally disabled, county juvenile justice and state juvenile
9 rehabilitation, child welfare, and special education.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The goals of the children's system of care
11 are to:

12 (1) Maintain a multiagency collaborative planning and system
13 management mechanism at the state and local levels through the
14 establishment of an oversight committee at the local level in
15 accordance with the principles and program requirements associated with
16 the federal center for children's mental health services;

17 (2) Recommend and make necessary financing changes to support
18 individualized and flexible home and community-based services and
19 supports that are child centered, family driven, strength based, and
20 culturally competent;

21 (3) Support a common screening tool and integrated care
22 coordination system;

23 (4) Recommend and make necessary changes in contracting to support
24 integrated service delivery;

25 (5) Promote and increase the expansion of system capacity for
26 children and their families in each demonstration site community;

27 (6) Develop the capacity of family members to provide support for
28 one another and to strengthen the family voice in system implementation
29 through the utilization of a citizens' advisory board as described in
30 section 4 of this act and through other outreach activities;

31 (7) Conduct research and draw on outside consultation to identify
32 best practices to inform system development and refinement; and

33 (8) Demonstrate cost-effectiveness by creating system efficiencies
34 that generate savings from the current level of expenditures for
35 children being served by the participating agencies. These savings
36 must be used to provide more services to the children involved in the
37 project, or to serve more children.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The secretary shall assure collaboration
2 with each demonstration site by child-serving entities operated
3 directly by the department or by departmental contractors. A
4 collaboration contract or memorandum of understanding shall be
5 developed by the demonstration site and the secretary for that purpose.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A citizens' advisory board and the
7 agencies participating in each demonstration site for a children's
8 system of care established under section 1 of this act shall establish
9 evaluation criteria consistent with the goals set forth in section 2 of
10 this act. The evaluation criteria shall be developed no later than
11 sixty days after the effective date of this act.

12 (2) The evaluation shall be conducted by an entity with experience
13 in evaluating organizations that are:

14 (a) Recipients of funding by the federal center for mental health
15 services for the purpose of developing a system of care for children
16 with emotional and behavioral disorders; and

17 (b) A project site under a Title IV-E waiver.

18 Each demonstration site in existence as of July 1, 2002, shall
19 submit a report to the children and family services committee of the
20 house of representatives and to the human services and corrections
21 committee of the senate, or their successors. An interim report shall
22 be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2002. A final report
23 shall be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2003.

24 (3) This section expires January 1, 2004.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Funding for children's system of care
26 projects following the expiration of the federal grant shall be
27 determined using the process established in RCW 74.14A.060 and funded
28 children's system of care projects shall be included in the annual
29 report required by that section.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 It is the expectation of the legislature that local school
33 districts shall collaborate with each children's system of care
34 demonstration site established under section 1 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
2 a new chapter in Title 74 RCW.

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