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By Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.14C.030 and 1996 c 240 s 4 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall be the lead administrative agency for
6 preservation services and may receive funding from any source for the
7 implementation or expansion of such services. The department shall:

8 (a) Provide coordination and planning with the advice of the
9 community networks for the implementation and expansion of preservation
10 services; and

11 (b) Monitor and evaluate such services to determine whether the
12 programs meet measurable standards specified by this chapter and the
13 department.

14 (2) The department may: (a) Allow its contractors for preservation
15 services to use paraprofessional workers when the department and
16 provider determine the use appropriate. The department may also use
17 paraprofessional workers, as appropriate, when the department provides
18 preservation services; and (b) allow follow-up to be provided, on an
19 individual case basis, when the department and provider determine the
20 use appropriate.

21 (3) In carrying out the requirements of this section, the
22 department shall consult with qualified agencies that have demonstrated
23 expertise and experience in preservation services.

24 (4) The department may provide preservation services directly and
25 shall, within available funds, enter into outcome-based, competitive
26 contracts with social service agencies to provide preservation
27 services, provided that such agencies meet measurable standards
28 specified by this chapter and by the department. The standards shall
29 include, but not be limited to, satisfactory performance in the
30 following areas:

1 (a) The number of families appropriately connected to community
2 resources;

3 (b) Avoidance of new referrals accepted by the department for child
4 protective services or family reconciliation services within one year
5 of the most recent case closure by the department;

6 (c) Consumer satisfaction;

7 (d) For reunification cases, reduction in the length of stay in
8 out-of-home placement; and

9 (e) Reduction in the level of risk factors specified by the
10 department.

11 (5)(a) The department shall not provide intensive family
12 preservation services unless it is demonstrated that provision of such
13 services prevent ~~((out-of-home))~~ placement in a foster family home or
14 group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW, other than
15 for a single, temporary period of time not exceeding fourteen days, in
16 at least seventy percent of the cases served for a period of at least
17 six months following termination of services. The department's
18 caseworkers may only provide preservation services if there is no other
19 qualified entity willing or able to do so.

20 (b) Contractors shall demonstrate that provision of intensive
21 family preservation services prevent ~~((out-of-home))~~ placement in a
22 foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter
23 74.15 RCW, other than for a single, temporary period of time not
24 exceeding fourteen days, in at least seventy percent of the cases
25 served for a period of no less than six months following termination of
26 services. The department may increase the period of time based on
27 additional research and data. If the contractor fails to meet the
28 seventy percent requirement the department may: (i) Review the
29 conditions that may have contributed to the failure to meet the
30 standard and renew the contract if the department determines: (A) The
31 contractor is making progress to meet the standard; or (B) conditions
32 unrelated to the provision of services, including case mix and severity
33 of cases, contributed to the failure; or (ii) reopen the contract for
34 other bids.

35 (c) The department shall cooperate with any person who has a
36 contract under this section in providing data necessary to determine
37 the amount of reduction in foster care. ~~((For the purposes of this~~

1 subsection "~~prevent out of home placement~~" means that a child who has
2 been a recipient of intensive family preservation services has not been
3 placed outside of the home, other than for a single, temporary period
4 of time not exceeding fourteen days.))

5 (6) The department shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.14C.070 and 2003 c 207 s 3 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The secretary of social and health services, or the secretary's
9 regional designee, may transfer funds appropriated for foster care
10 services to purchase preservation services and other preventive
11 services for children at imminent risk of out-of-home placement or who
12 face a substantial likelihood of out-of-home placement. This transfer
13 may be made in those regions that lower foster care expenditures
14 through efficient use of preservation services and permanency planning
15 efforts. The transfer shall be equivalent to the amount of reduced
16 foster care expenditures and shall be made in accordance with the
17 provisions of this chapter and with the approval of the office of
18 financial management. The department shall present an annual report to
19 the legislature regarding any transfers under this section only if
20 transfers occur. The department shall include caseload, expenditure,
21 cost avoidance, identified improvements to the out-of-home care system,
22 and outcome data related to the transfer in the report. The department
23 shall also include in the report information regarding:

24 (1) The percent of cases where a child is placed in (~~out of home~~
25 ~~care~~) a foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant to
26 chapter 74.15 RCW after the provision of intensive family preservation
27 services or family preservation services;

28 (2) The average length of time before the child is placed (~~out of~~
29 ~~home~~) in a foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant
30 to chapter 74.15 RCW;

31 (3) The average length of time the child is placed (~~out of home~~)
32 in a foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant to
33 chapter 74.15 RCW; and

34 (4) The number of families that refused the offer of either family
35 preservation services or intensive family preservation services.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.14C.080 and 1995 c 311 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The department shall collect data regarding the rates at which
4 intensive family preservation services prevent ((out-of-home))
5 placements in a foster family home or group care facility licensed
6 pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW over varying periods of time. The
7 department shall make an initial report to the appropriate committees
8 of the legislature of the data, and the proposed rules to implement
9 this section, by December 1, 1995. The department shall present a
10 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on September
11 1st of each odd-numbered year, commencing on September 1, 1997."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "placement;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.14C.030,
14 74.14C.070, and 74.14C.080."

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