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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Boldt, O'Brien, McIntire, Hunt, Schual-Berke, Shabro, Cooper, Linville, Pettigrew, Upthegrove, Moeller, Darneille, Miloscia, Dickerson, Clements, Armstrong, Orcutt, Fromhold, Delvin, Roach, Kenney, Haigh, Lovick, Chase, Santos and Hudgins)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the funding of prevention and early intervention
2 services; and adding new sections to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that investment in effective prevention and
7 early intervention services: (1) Produces immediate and long-term
8 improvements for children and families; and (2) avoids future public
9 costs in education, child welfare, substance abuse, health, and mental
10 health treatment, law enforcement and the courts, and juvenile and
11 adult corrections. The legislature further finds that state agencies
12 receiving funds for prevention and early intervention services should
13 contract for or operate services that have a strong likelihood of
14 achieving expected outcomes.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The children's administration in the department of social and
18 health services shall identify and implement criteria for funding

1 prevention and early intervention services and programs that are either
2 state-operated or contracted. The criteria must require that funded
3 programs, at a minimum: (a) Define clear, measurable outcomes; (b)
4 identify research that may be applicable; (c) identify anticipated
5 cost-effectiveness; (d) describe broad community involvement, support,
6 and partnerships; and (e) provide data related to program outcomes.

7 (2) The children's administration shall collect and analyze the
8 program data and make the data and the analysis available for public
9 review.

10 (3) For the purposes of this section, "prevention and early
11 intervention services and programs" shall include, but not be limited
12 to, the following or their successors:

- 13 (a) Alternate response system;
- 14 (b) Family reconciliation services;
- 15 (c) Family preservation services;
- 16 (d) Intensive family preservation services;
- 17 (e) Continuum of care;
- 18 (f) Community public health and safety networks;
- 19 (g) Parent trust programs;
- 20 (h) Home-based services; and
- 21 (i) Public health nurse early intervention program.

22 (4) The children's administration shall incorporate the funding
23 criteria into contracts and operating policies within existing
24 resources.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The legislature recognizes the importance of evaluation and
28 outcome measurements of prevention and early intervention programs in
29 order to ensure the cost-effective use of public funds.

30 (2) The Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct
31 a review of existing research to identify specific research-proven
32 prevention and early intervention programs that pertain to families
33 involved with or at risk of becoming involved with child protective
34 services. The review shall focus on programs that produce a positive
35 return on the dollar compared to the cost of the program.

36 (3) The Washington state institute for public policy shall report

1 its findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later
2 than January 1, 2004.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Nothing in this act shall be construed to create:

6 (1) An entitlement to services;

7 (2) Judicial authority to order the provision of services to any
8 person or family if the services are unavailable or unsuitable, or the
9 child or family is not eligible for such services; or

10 (3) A private right of action or claim on the part of any
11 individual, entity, or agency.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The legislature encourages other administrations within the
15 department of social and health services and other state agencies
16 funding prevention and early intervention services to identify and
17 implement the funding criteria provided in section 2 of this act.

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