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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1784**

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES--CHILDREN

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2003  
Yeas 44 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 14, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

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**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 **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1784** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Upthegrove, Chase, Linville, Wallace, Kagi, Kessler, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Wood, Dickerson, Santos, Simpson and Morrell)

READ FIRST TIME 03/10/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to improving coordination of services for  
2 children's mental health; amending RCW 71.36.020; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 71.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature affirms its support for:  
6 Improving field-level cross-program collaboration and efficiency;  
7 collecting reliable mental health cost, service, and outcome data  
8 specific to children; revising the early periodic screening diagnosis  
9 and treatment plan to reflect the current mental health system  
10 structure; and identifying and promulgating the approaches used in  
11 school districts where mental health and education systems coordinate  
12 services and resources to provide public mental health care for  
13 children.

14            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.36 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16            (1) The legislature supports recommendations made in the August  
17 2002 study of the public mental health system for children conducted by  
18 the joint legislative audit and review committee.

1 (2) The department shall, within available funds:

2 (a) Identify internal business operation issues that limit the  
3 agency's ability to meet legislative intent to coordinate existing  
4 categorical children's mental health programs and funding;

5 (b) Collect reliable mental health cost, service, and outcome data  
6 specific to children. This information must be used to identify best  
7 practices and methods of improving fiscal management;

8 (c) Revise the early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment  
9 plan to reflect the mental health system structure in place on the  
10 effective date of this section and thereafter revise the plan as  
11 necessary to conform to subsequent changes in the structure.

12 (3) The department and the office of the superintendent of public  
13 instruction shall jointly identify school districts where mental health  
14 and education systems coordinate services and resources to provide  
15 public mental health care for children. The department and the office  
16 of the superintendent of public instruction shall work together to  
17 share information about these approaches with other school districts,  
18 regional support networks, and state agencies.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 71.36 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) In addition to any follow-up requirements recommended by the  
22 joint legislative audit and review committee, the department of social  
23 and health services shall submit a report to the governor and the  
24 legislature on the status of the implementation of the recommendations  
25 provided in section 2(2) (a) through (c) of this act and, in  
26 coordination with the office of the superintendent of public  
27 instruction, on section 2(3) of this act. An initial implementation  
28 status report must be submitted to the governor and appropriate policy  
29 and fiscal committees of the legislature by June 1, 2004. A final  
30 report shall be provided no later than June 1, 2006.

31 (2) This section expires June 30, 2006.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 71.36.020 and 1991 c 326 s 13 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 ~~((1) The office of financial management shall provide the~~  
35 ~~following information to the appropriate committees of the legislature~~

1 on or before December 1, 1991, and update such information biennially  
2 thereafter:

3 (a) ~~An inventory of state and federally funded programs providing~~  
4 ~~mental health services to children in Washington state. For purposes~~  
5 ~~of the inventory, "children's mental health services" shall be broadly~~  
6 ~~construed to include services related to children's mental health~~  
7 ~~provided through education, children and family services, juvenile~~  
8 ~~justice, mental health, health care, alcohol and substance abuse, and~~  
9 ~~developmental disabilities programs, such as: The primary intervention~~  
10 ~~program; treatment foster care; the fair start program; therapeutic~~  
11 ~~child care and day treatment for children in the child protective~~  
12 ~~services system, as provided in RCW 74.14B.040; family reconciliation~~  
13 ~~services counseling, as provided in chapter 13.32A RCW; the community~~  
14 ~~mental health services act, as provided in chapter 71.24 RCW; mental~~  
15 ~~health services for minors, as provided in chapter 71.34 RCW; mental~~  
16 ~~health services provided by the medical assistance program, limited~~  
17 ~~casualty program for the medically needy and children's health program,~~  
18 ~~as provided in chapter 74.09 RCW; counseling for delinquent children,~~  
19 ~~as provided in RCW 72.05.170; mental health service provided by child~~  
20 ~~welfare services, as provided in chapter 74.13 RCW; and services to~~  
21 ~~emotionally disturbed and mentally ill children, as provided in chapter~~  
22 ~~74.14A RCW.~~

23 (b) ~~For each program or service inventoried pursuant to (a) of this~~  
24 ~~subsection:~~

25 (i) ~~Statutory authority;~~

26 (ii) ~~Level and source of funding statewide and for each county and~~  
27 ~~school district in the state during the biennium ending June 30, 1991,~~  
28 ~~to the extent such information is available;~~

29 (iii) ~~Agency administering the service statewide and description of~~  
30 ~~how administration and service delivery are organized and provided at~~  
31 ~~the regional and local level;~~

32 (iv) ~~Programmatic or financial eligibility criteria;~~

33 (v) ~~Characteristics of, and number of children served statewide and~~  
34 ~~in each county and school district during the biennium ending June 30,~~  
35 ~~1991, to the extent such information is available;~~

36 (vi) ~~Number of children of color served, by race and nationality,~~  
37 ~~and number and type of minority mental health providers, by race and~~

1 ~~nationality, in each regional support network area, to the extent such~~  
2 ~~information is available; and~~

3 ~~(vii) Statutory changes necessary to remove categorical~~  
4 ~~restrictions in the program or service, including federal statutory or~~  
5 ~~regulatory changes.~~

6 ~~(2))~~ The department, in consultation with the office of financial  
7 management, ~~((in consultation with the department,))~~ shall develop a  
8 plan and criteria for the use of early periodic screening, diagnosis,  
9 and treatment services related to mental health that includes at least  
10 the following components:

11 ~~((a))~~ (1) Criteria for screening and assessment of mental illness  
12 and emotional disturbance;

13 ~~((b))~~ (2) Criteria for determining the appropriate level of  
14 medically necessary services a child receives, including but not  
15 limited to development of a multidisciplinary plan of care when  
16 appropriate, and prior authorization for receipt of mental health  
17 services;

18 ~~((c))~~ (3) Qualifications for children's mental health providers;

19 ~~((d))~~ (4) Other cost control mechanisms, such as managed care  
20 arrangements and prospective or capitated payments for mental health  
21 services; and

22 ~~((e))~~ (5) Mechanisms to ensure that federal medicaid matching  
23 funds are obtained for services ~~((inventoried pursuant to subsection~~  
24 ~~(1) of this section))~~, to the greatest extent practicable.

25 In developing the plan, the ~~((office of financial management))~~  
26 department shall provide an opportunity for comment by the major child-  
27 serving systems and regional support networks. The plan shall be  
28 submitted to appropriate committees of the legislature on or before  
29 December 1, ~~((1991))~~ 2003.

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