

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5830** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Brown, Rasmussen, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to home visitation services for families; adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.121 RCW; and repealing RCW 43.70.530.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that:

7 (1) The years from birth to three are critical in building the
8 social, emotional, and cognitive developmental foundations of a young
9 child. Research into the brain development of young children reveals
10 that children are born learning.

11 (2) The farther behind children are in their social, emotional,
12 physical, and cognitive development, the more difficult it will be for
13 them to catch up.

14 (3) A significant number of children age birth to five years are
15 born with two or more of the following risk factors and have a greater
16 chance of failure in school and beyond: Poverty; single or no parent;
17 no parent employed full time or full year; all parents with disability;
18 and mother without a high school degree.

1 (4) Parents and children involved in home visitation programs
2 exhibit better birth outcomes, enhanced parent and child interactions,
3 more efficient use of health care services, enhanced child development
4 including improved school readiness, and early detection of
5 developmental delays, as well as reduced welfare dependence, higher
6 rates of school completion and job retention, reduction in frequency
7 and severity of maltreatment, and higher rates of school graduation.

8 The legislature intends to promote the use of voluntary home
9 visitation services to families as an early intervention strategy to
10 alleviate the effect on child development of factors such as poverty,
11 single parenthood, parental unemployment or underemployment, parental
12 disability, or parental lack of a high school diploma, which research
13 shows are risk factors for child abuse and neglect and poor educational
14 outcomes.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The definitions in this section apply throughout sections 1 through
18 4 of this act unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (1) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had
20 multiple site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations
21 demonstrating that the program or practice is effective for the
22 population.

23 (2) "Home visitation" means providing services in the permanent or
24 temporary residence, or in other familiar surroundings, of the family
25 receiving such services.

26 (3) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has some
27 research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the
28 standard of evidence-based practices.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) Within available funds, the children's trust of Washington
32 shall fund evidence-based and research-based home visitation programs
33 for improving parenting skills and outcomes for children. Home
34 visitation programs must be voluntary and must address the needs of
35 families to alleviate the effect on child development of factors such
36 as poverty, single parenthood, parental unemployment or

1 underemployment, parental disability, or parental lack of high school
2 diploma, which research shows are risk factors for child abuse and
3 neglect and poor educational outcomes.

4 (2) The children's trust of Washington shall develop a plan with
5 the department of social and health services, the department of health,
6 the department of early learning, and the family policy council to
7 coordinate or consolidate home visitation services for children and
8 families and report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
9 December 1, 2007, with their recommendations for implementation of the
10 plan.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.121 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 To recognize the focus on home visitation services, the Washington
14 council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect is hereby renamed
15 the children's trust of Washington. All references to the Washington
16 council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the Revised
17 Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the children's trust of
18 Washington.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.70.530 (Home visitor program) and
20 1998 c 245 s 75 & 1993 c 179 s 2 are each repealed.

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