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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.13.032 and 2009 c 520 s 53 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based
6 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential
7 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be
8 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the
9 department and shall have an average of at least four adult staff
10 members and in no event less than three adult staff members to every
11 eight children.

12 (2) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
13 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with
14 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with
15 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed under
16 rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include semi-
17 secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to subsection (1)
18 of this section.

19 (3) The department shall, in addition to the facilities established
20 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, establish additional
21 crisis residential centers pursuant to performance-based contracts with
22 licensed private group care facilities.

23 (4) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to
24 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential
25 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to
26 RCW 74.15.220 in the same building or structure. The department shall
27 permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the
28 facility agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type
29 of center that is located within the building or structure.

1 (5) The staff at the facilities established under this section
2 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles
3 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and structure
4 to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and the varying
5 circumstances that cause children to leave their families, and carry
6 out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090. The
7 responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers,
8 be carried out by the department.

9 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The secure facilities located within crisis residential
10 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW
11 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one
12 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall
13 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

14 ~~((+6))~~ (7) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or
15 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be
16 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the
17 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.15.220 and 1999 c 267 s 12 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 The secretary shall establish HOPE centers that provide no more
21 than seventy-five beds across the state and may establish HOPE centers
22 by contract, within funds appropriated by the legislature specifically
23 for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be operated in a manner to
24 reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not run away.
25 Street youth may leave a HOPE center during the course of the day to
26 attend school or other necessary appointments, but the street youth
27 must be accompanied by an administrator or an administrator's designee.
28 The street youth must provide the administration with specific
29 information regarding his or her destination and expected time of
30 return to the HOPE center. Any street youth who runs away from a HOPE
31 center shall not be readmitted unless specifically authorized by the
32 street youth's placement and liaison specialist, and the placement and
33 liaison specialist shall document with specific factual findings an
34 appropriate basis for readmitting any street youth to a HOPE center.
35 HOPE centers are required to have the following:

- 36 (1) A license issued by the secretary;

1 (2) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social
2 work, or related field and at least one year of experience working with
3 street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related
4 field and five years of experience working with street youth. This
5 professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time employee,
6 but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE center at a
7 ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE center. This
8 professional shall be known as a placement and liaison specialist.
9 Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-credentialed in
10 mental health and chemical dependency. The placement and liaison
11 specialist shall:

12 (a) Conduct an assessment of the street youth that includes a
13 determination of the street youth's legal status regarding residential
14 placement;

15 (b) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally
16 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate
17 processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any
18 street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW
19 13.34.030 must be referred to the department. The department shall
20 determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter
21 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two
22 hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department
23 determines is appropriate for out-of-home placement under chapter 13.34
24 RCW. All of the provisions of chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for
25 children in need of services or at-risk youth;

26 (c) Interface with other relevant resources and system
27 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other
28 needed services for the street youth;

29 (d) Be assigned immediately to each youth and meet with the youth
30 within eight hours of the youth receiving HOPE center services;

31 (e) Facilitate a physical examination of any street youth who has
32 not seen a physician within one year prior to residence at a HOPE
33 center and facilitate evaluation by a county-designated mental health
34 professional, a chemical dependency specialist, or both if appropriate;
35 and

36 (f) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street youth's
37 competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics, and that
38 will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

1 (3) Staff trained in development needs of street youth as
2 determined by the secretary, including an administrator who is a
3 professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a
4 related field and at least one year of experience working with street
5 youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related field
6 and five years of experience working with street youth, who must work
7 with the placement and liaison specialist to provide appropriate
8 services on site;

9 (4) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the
10 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be used
11 for future program development and service delivery. Data collection
12 systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols developed by the
13 secretary;

14 (5) Notification requirements that meet the notification
15 requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time
16 must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must
17 immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a
18 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred
19 to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff
20 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE
21 center and not return after full consideration of the factors set forth
22 in RCW 13.32A.130(2)(a) (i) and (ii). The street youth's temporary
23 placement in the HOPE center must be authorized by the court or the
24 secretary if the youth is a dependent of the state under chapter 13.34
25 RCW or the department is responsible for the youth under chapter 13.32A
26 RCW, or by the youth's parent or legal custodian, until such time as
27 the parent can retrieve the youth who is returning to home;

28 (6) HOPE centers must identify to the department any street youth
29 it serves who is not returning promptly to home. The department then
30 must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in chapter
31 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report that the
32 youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent should
33 receive notice from the department;

34 (7) Services that provide counseling and education to the street
35 youth; and

36 (8) The department shall ((only)) award contracts for the operation
37 of HOPE center beds and responsible living skills programs ((in
38 ~~departmental regions:~~ (a) ~~With operating secure crisis residential~~

1 ~~centers; or (b) in which the secretary finds significant progress is~~
2 ~~made toward opening a secure crisis residential center))~~ with the goal
3 of facilitating the coordination of services provided for youth by such
4 programs and those services provided by secure and semi-secure crisis
5 residential centers.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.15.255 and 2010 c 289 s 10 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1)(a) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the
9 department shall contract for a continuum of short-term stabilization
10 services pursuant to RCW 13.32A.030 and 74.15.220. The department
11 shall collaborate with service providers in a manner that allows secure
12 and semi-secure crisis residential centers and HOPE centers to be
13 located in a geographically representative manner and to facilitate the
14 coordination of services provided for youth by such programs. To
15 achieve efficiencies and increase utilization, the department shall
16 allow the colocation of these centers in the same building or
17 structure, except that a youth may not be placed in a secure facility
18 or the secure portion of a colocated facility except as specifically
19 authorized by chapter 13.32A RCW. The department shall allow the
20 colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the facility
21 agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type of center
22 that is located within the building or structure. The beds so
23 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program
24 or center for which they are designated.

25 (b) The department shall adopt rules to allow the licensing of
26 colocated facilities that include any combination of secure or semi-
27 secure crisis residential centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030, or HOPE
28 centers as defined in RCW 74.15.020. Such rules may provide for
29 flexible payment structures, center specific licensing waivers, or
30 other appropriate methods to increase utilization and provide
31 flexibility, while continuing to meet the statutory goals of the
32 programs. The rules shall provide that a condition of being licensed
33 as a colocated facility is that the contracting entity must designate
34 a particular number of beds in the colocated facility to each type of
35 center that is located within the building or structure. The beds so
36 designated must be used only to serve the eligible youth in the program
37 or center for which they are designated.

1 (2) The department shall require that to be licensed or continue to
2 be licensed as a secure or semi-secure crisis residential center or
3 HOPE center that the center has on staff, or otherwise has access to,
4 a person who has been trained to work with the needs of sexually
5 exploited children. For purposes of this (~~section~~) subsection,
6 "sexually exploited child" means that person as defined in RCW
7 13.32A.030(17)."

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8 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "centers;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.13.032,
10 74.15.220, and 74.15.255."

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