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

3   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For over thirty years, parent to parent
4 programs for individuals with either developmental disabilities, or
5 special health care needs, or both, have been providing emotional and
6 informational support by matching parents seeking support with an
7 experienced and trained support parent.
8   The parent to parent program currently exists in thirty-one
9 counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia,
10 Cowlitz, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island,
11 Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific,
12 Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom,
13 Whitman, and Yakima. It is the legislature's goal to continue,
14 support, and enhance the programs in these counties and expand these
15 programs statewide by 2021.

16   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.14
17 RCW to read as follows:
18   The goals of the parent to parent program are to:
19   (1) Provide early outreach, support, and education to parents who
20 have a child with special health care needs;
21   (2) Match a trained volunteer support parent with a new parent
22 who has a child with similar needs to the child of the support
23 parent; and
24   (3) Provide parents with tools and resources to be successful as
25 they learn to understand the support and advocacy needs of their
26 children.

27   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.14
28 RCW to read as follows:

1   Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, activities of the parent to parent program may
3 include:
4   (1) Outreach and support to newly identified parents of children
5 with special health care needs;
6   (2) Trainings that educate parents in ways to support their child
7 and navigate the complex health, educational, and social systems;
8   (3) Ongoing peer support from a trained volunteer support parent;
9 and
10   (4) Regular communication with other local programs to ensure
11 consistent practices.

12   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.14
13 RCW to read as follows:
14   (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
15 specific purpose, the parent to parent program must be funded through
16 the department and centrally administered through a pass-through to a
17 Washington state lead organization that has extensive experience
18 supporting and training support parents.
19   (2) Through the contract with the lead organization, each local
20 program must be locally administered by an organization that shall
21 serve as the host organization.
22   (3) Parents shall serve as advisors to the host organizations.
23   (4) A parent or grandparent of a child with developmental
24 disabilities or special health care needs shall provide program
25 coordination and local program information.
26   (5) The lead organization shall provide ongoing training to the
27 host organizations and statewide program oversight and maintain
28 statewide program information.
29   (6) For the purpose of this act, "special health care needs"
30 means disabilities, chronic illnesses or conditions, health related
31 educational or behavioral problems, or the risk of developing such
32 disabilities, conditions, illnesses or problems.

33   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of
34 this act, referencing the act by bill or chapter number, is not
35 provided by June 30, 2016, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
36 act is null and void."

37   Correct the title.

EFFECT: Specifies that the goals and activities of the Parent to Parent program include serving parents who have a child with special health care needs as defined in the bill.

Removes handicapping conditions from the definition of "special health care needs."

Makes the bill null and void if funding for the bill is not provided in the operating budget.

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