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By Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 13.50.010 and 2015 c 265 s 2 and 2015 c 262 s 1 are  
4 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 (1) For purposes of this chapter:

6 (a) "Good faith effort to pay" means a juvenile offender has  
7 either (i) paid the principal amount in full; (ii) made at least  
8 eighty percent of the value of full monthly payments within the  
9 period from disposition or deferred disposition until the time the  
10 amount of restitution owed is under review; or (iii) can show good  
11 cause why he or she paid an amount less than eighty percent of the  
12 value of full monthly payments;

13 (b) "Juvenile justice or care agency" means any of the following:  
14 Police, diversion units, court, prosecuting attorney, defense  
15 attorney, detention center, attorney general, the legislative  
16 children's oversight committee, the office of the family and  
17 children's ombuds, the department of social and health services and  
18 its contracting agencies, schools; persons or public or private  
19 agencies having children committed to their custody; and any  
20 placement oversight committee created under RCW 72.05.415;

21 (c) "Official juvenile court file" means the legal file of the  
22 juvenile court containing the petition or information, motions,  
23 memorandums, briefs, findings of the court, and court orders;

24 (d) "Records" means the official juvenile court file, the social  
25 file, and records of any other juvenile justice or care agency in the  
26 case;

27 (e) "Social file" means the juvenile court file containing the  
28 records and reports of the probation counselor.

29 (2) Each petition or information filed with the court may include  
30 only one juvenile and each petition or information shall be filed  
31 under a separate docket number. The social file shall be filed  
32 separately from the official juvenile court file.

1 (3) It is the duty of any juvenile justice or care agency to  
2 maintain accurate records. To this end:

3 (a) The agency may never knowingly record inaccurate information.  
4 Any information in records maintained by the department of social and  
5 health services relating to a petition filed pursuant to chapter  
6 13.34 RCW that is found by the court to be false or inaccurate shall  
7 be corrected or expunged from such records by the agency;

8 (b) An agency shall take reasonable steps to assure the security  
9 of its records and prevent tampering with them; and

10 (c) An agency shall make reasonable efforts to insure the  
11 completeness of its records, including action taken by other agencies  
12 with respect to matters in its files.

13 (4) Each juvenile justice or care agency shall implement  
14 procedures consistent with the provisions of this chapter to  
15 facilitate inquiries concerning records.

16 (5) Any person who has reasonable cause to believe information  
17 concerning that person is included in the records of a juvenile  
18 justice or care agency and who has been denied access to those  
19 records by the agency may make a motion to the court for an order  
20 authorizing that person to inspect the juvenile justice or care  
21 agency record concerning that person. The court shall grant the  
22 motion to examine records unless it finds that in the interests of  
23 justice or in the best interests of the juvenile the records or parts  
24 of them should remain confidential.

25 (6) A juvenile, or his or her parents, or any person who has  
26 reasonable cause to believe information concerning that person is  
27 included in the records of a juvenile justice or care agency may make  
28 a motion to the court challenging the accuracy of any information  
29 concerning the moving party in the record or challenging the  
30 continued possession of the record by the agency. If the court grants  
31 the motion, it shall order the record or information to be corrected  
32 or destroyed.

33 (7) The person making a motion under subsection (5) or (6) of  
34 this section shall give reasonable notice of the motion to all  
35 parties to the original action and to any agency whose records will  
36 be affected by the motion.

37 (8) The court may permit inspection of records by, or release of  
38 information to, any clinic, hospital, or agency which has the subject  
39 person under care or treatment. The court may also permit inspection  
40 by or release to individuals or agencies, including juvenile justice

1 advisory committees of county law and justice councils, engaged in  
2 legitimate research for educational, scientific, or public purposes.  
3 Each person granted permission to inspect juvenile justice or care  
4 agency records for research purposes shall present a notarized  
5 statement to the court stating that the names of juveniles and  
6 parents will remain confidential.

7 (9) The court shall release to the caseload forecast council the  
8 records needed for its research and data-gathering functions. Access  
9 to caseload forecast data may be permitted by the council for  
10 research purposes only if the anonymity of all persons mentioned in  
11 the records or information will be preserved.

12 (10) Juvenile detention facilities shall release records to the  
13 caseload forecast council upon request. The commission shall not  
14 disclose the names of any juveniles or parents mentioned in the  
15 records without the named individual's written permission.

16 (11) Requirements in this chapter relating to the court's  
17 authority to compel disclosure shall not apply to the legislative  
18 children's oversight committee or the office of the family and  
19 children's ombuds.

20 (12) For the purpose of research only, the administrative office  
21 of the courts shall maintain an electronic research copy of all  
22 records in the judicial information system related to juveniles.  
23 Access to the research copy is restricted to the Washington state  
24 center for court research. The Washington state center for court  
25 research shall maintain the confidentiality of all confidential  
26 records and shall preserve the anonymity of all persons identified in  
27 the research copy. The research copy may not be subject to any  
28 records retention schedule and must include records destroyed or  
29 removed from the judicial information system pursuant to RCW  
30 13.50.270 and 13.50.100(3).

31 (13) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
32 public defense records needed to implement the agency's oversight,  
33 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
34 2.70.020. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
35 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
36 Washington state office of public defense. The Washington state  
37 office of public defense shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
38 confidential information included in the records.

39 (14) The court shall release to the Washington state office of  
40 civil legal aid records needed to implement the agency's oversight,

1 technical assistance, and other functions as required by RCW  
2 2.53.045. Access to the records used as a basis for oversight,  
3 technical assistance, or other agency functions is restricted to the  
4 Washington state office of civil legal aid. The Washington state  
5 office of civil legal aid shall maintain the confidentiality of all  
6 confidential information included in the records, and shall, as soon  
7 as possible, destroy any retained notes or records obtained under  
8 this section that are not necessary for its functions related to RCW  
9 2.53.045.

10 (15) For the purpose of providing for the service needs of youth  
11 who are in foster care, the department of social and health services  
12 may disclose to the department of commerce, and its contractors,  
13 those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may  
14 assist with meeting the service needs of youth admitted to crisis  
15 residential centers or HOPE centers under contract to the office of  
16 homeless youth prevention and protection. Records disclosed under  
17 this subsection retain their confidentiality, and may not be further  
18 disclosed except as permitted by law.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2015 c 69 s 10 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
22 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

23 (1) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily  
24 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center.

25 (2) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed  
26 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department of social and  
27 health services seeking adjudication of placement of the child.

28 (3) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public  
29 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

30 (4) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure  
31 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.

32 (5) "Department" means the department of commerce.

33 (6) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

34 (7) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account  
35 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources  
36 established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other sources  
37 directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.

38 (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by which  
39 competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing moneys

1 from the home security fund account, to local governments for  
2 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and  
3 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing  
4 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other  
5 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.

6 (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan developed by  
7 the county or other local government to address housing for homeless  
8 persons.

9 (10) "Homeless housing program" means the program authorized  
10 under this chapter as administered by the department at the state  
11 level and by the local government or its designated subcontractor at  
12 the local level.

13 (11) "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year plan  
14 developed by the department, in consultation with the interagency  
15 council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board.

16 (12) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a  
17 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal  
18 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing  
19 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing  
20 program if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes  
21 substance abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who  
22 are homeless.

23 (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to  
24 provide temporary residential placement and other services to street  
25 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days  
26 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated.  
27 No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by  
28 the department and any additional days approved by the department  
29 must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option.  
30 A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may  
31 remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of  
32 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court  
33 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center  
34 up to thirty days.

35 (14) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations  
36 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

37 (15) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals  
38 along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and  
39 homeownership at the other.

1 (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee  
2 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level  
3 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of  
4 commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the department of  
5 social and health services; (d) the department of veterans affairs;  
6 and (e) the department of health.

7 (17) "Local government" means a county government in the state of  
8 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the  
9 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing  
10 homeless persons within its borders.

11 (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a voluntary local  
12 committee created to advise a local government on the creation of a  
13 local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless  
14 housing program. It must include a representative of the county, a  
15 representative of the largest city located within the county, at  
16 least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other members as  
17 may be required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related  
18 to housing programs and services and if feasible, a representative of  
19 a private nonprofit organization with experience in low-income  
20 housing.

21 (19) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and  
22 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no  
23 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

24 (20) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing  
25 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

26 (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or  
27 portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a  
28 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from  
29 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

30 (22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not  
31 limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family  
32 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed  
33 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the  
34 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable  
35 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no  
36 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night.  
37 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility  
38 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving  
39 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator  
40 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to

1 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any  
2 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable  
3 time of his or her return to the center.

4 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care  
5 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and  
6 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to  
7 every two children.

8 (24) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide  
9 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities,  
10 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the  
11 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and  
12 collect data on all homeless individuals in Washington.

13 (25) "Washington homeless client management information system"  
14 means a database of information about homeless individuals in the  
15 state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to  
16 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-  
17 sufficiency or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon  
18 their individual situations.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2011 c 239 s 1 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the  
22 department, within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this  
23 specific purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client  
24 management information system for the ongoing collection and updates  
25 of information about all homeless individuals in the state.

26 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington  
27 homeless client management information system shall come from the  
28 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community  
29 organizations providing services to homeless individuals and  
30 families.

31 (a) Personally identifying information about homeless individuals  
32 for the Washington homeless client management information system may  
33 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time  
34 limited (i) written consent from the homeless individual to whom the  
35 information relates, or (ii) telephonic consent from the homeless  
36 individual, provided that written consent is obtained at the first  
37 time the individual is physically present at an organization with  
38 access to the Washington homeless client management information  
39 system. Safeguards consistent with federal requirements on data

1 collection must be in place to protect homeless individuals' rights  
2 regarding their personally identifying information. Information  
3 collected includes an identifying photograph of the homeless  
4 individual that shall be taken and stored in the Washington homeless  
5 client management information system.

6 (b) Data collection under this subsection shall be done in a  
7 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines  
8 regarding human research which, at a minimum, require that  
9 individuals receive:

10 (i) Information about the expected duration of their  
11 participation in the Washington homeless client management  
12 information system;

13 (ii) An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent  
14 questions about the data collection and their rights regarding their  
15 personal identifying information;

16 (iii) An explanation regarding whom to contact in the event of  
17 injury to the individual related to the Washington homeless client  
18 management information system;

19 (iv) A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the  
20 homeless individual; and

21 (v) A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of  
22 records identifying the individual will be maintained.

23 (c) The department must adopt policies governing the appropriate  
24 process for destroying Washington homeless client management  
25 information system paper documents containing personally identifying  
26 information when the paper documents are no longer needed. The  
27 policies must not conflict with any federal data requirements.

28 (d) Any unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or older may  
29 give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying  
30 information under this section. As used in this subsection (2),  
31 "unaccompanied" has the definition in RCW 43.330.702.

32 (i) At the time of collecting personally identifying information  
33 from an unaccompanied youth under the age of eighteen, if the  
34 provider knows that the unaccompanied youth is away from a lawfully  
35 prescribed residence or home without parental permission, it must  
36 contact the youth's parent within seventy-two hours, but preferably  
37 within twenty-four hours, following the time that the youth presents  
38 himself or herself for services. The notification must include the  
39 whereabouts of the youth, a description of the youth's physical and  
40 emotional condition, and the circumstances surrounding the youth's

1 contact with the organization. If there are compelling reasons not to  
2 notify the parent, the provider must instead notify the department of  
3 social and health services.

4 (ii) At least once every eight hours after learning that a youth  
5 receiving services under this section is away from home without  
6 permission, the provider's staff must consult the information that  
7 the Washington state patrol makes publicly available under RCW  
8 43.43.510(2). If the youth is publicly listed as missing, the  
9 provider must immediately notify the department of social and health  
10 services of its contact with the youth listed as missing. The  
11 notification must include a description of the minor's physical and  
12 emotional condition and the circumstances surrounding the youth's  
13 contact with the provider.

14 (iii) Reports required under this subsection may be made by  
15 telephone or any other reasonable means.

16 (iv) When the department of social and health services receives a  
17 report under subsection (d)(i) of this subsection (2), it shall make  
18 a good faith attempt to notify the parent that a report has been  
19 received and offer services designed to resolve the conflict and  
20 accomplish a reunification of the family.

21 (v) Nothing in this subsection prohibits any provider from  
22 immediately reporting the identity and location of any minor who is  
23 away from a lawfully prescribed residence or home without parental  
24 permission more promptly than required under this subsection.

25 (vi) For the purposes of this subsection:

26 (A) "Compelling reasons" include, but are not limited to,  
27 circumstances that indicate that notifying the parent or legal  
28 guardian will subject the minor to abuse or neglect as defined in RCW  
29 26.44.020.

30 (B) "Promptly report" means to report within eight hours after  
31 the provider has knowledge that the minor is away from a lawfully  
32 prescribed residence or home without parental permission.

33 (e) The department shall create a monthly report containing  
34 information regarding the current disposition of youth who have  
35 utilized services under this section or a summary of the services the  
36 youth received under this section.

37 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system  
38 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable  
39 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the  
40 database with available housing and other support services. Local

1 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,  
2 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist  
3 homeless persons.

4 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management  
5 information system will also provide the department with the  
6 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and  
7 nature of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to  
8 information about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington  
9 state among families with children.

10 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and  
11 reporting systems and shall:

12 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

13 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant  
14 state agencies including the department of social and health  
15 services, experts, and community organizations involved in the  
16 delivery of services to homeless persons; and

17 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state  
18 agencies.

19 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this  
20 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information  
21 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly,  
22 using appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

23 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system  
24 shall be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with new  
25 homeless client information at least annually.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.250 and 2015 c 69 s 11 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may  
29 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and  
30 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the  
31 child's parent.

32 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a  
33 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or  
34 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the  
35 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

36 (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding  
37 weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the  
38 team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed  
39 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not

1 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The  
2 court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is  
3 ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth  
4 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the  
5 parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home  
6 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3).

7 (2) The (~~administrator~~) department shall request participation  
8 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and  
9 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those  
10 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the (~~secretary~~)  
11 director of the department or the director's designee all information  
12 necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team and the  
13 (~~administrator~~) director or the director's designee shall provide  
14 this information to the administrator of each crisis residential  
15 center.

16 (3) The administrator shall also seek participation from  
17 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment  
18 providers as appropriate.

19 (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a  
20 multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the  
21 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or  
22 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law  
23 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed  
24 health care practitioners, social service providers, youth  
25 residential placement providers, other family members, church  
26 representatives, and members of their own community. The  
27 administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of  
28 persons requested by the parent or child.

29 (5) When an administrator of a crisis residential center requests  
30 the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as soon as  
31 possible.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.260 and 2015 c 69 s 13 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) A law enforcement officer shall take a child into custody:

35 (a) If a law enforcement agency has been contacted by the parent  
36 of the child that the child is absent from parental custody without  
37 consent; or

38 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering  
39 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is

1 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or  
2 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

3 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child  
4 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away  
5 from placement; or

6 (d) If a law enforcement agency has been notified by the juvenile  
7 court that the court finds probable cause exists to believe that the  
8 child has violated a court placement order issued under this chapter  
9 or chapter 13.34 RCW or that the court has issued an order for law  
10 enforcement pick-up of the child under this chapter or chapter 13.34  
11 RCW.

12 (2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of  
13 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination  
14 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law  
15 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer  
16 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity  
17 under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is  
18 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person,  
19 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept  
20 custody.

21 (3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody  
22 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and  
23 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer  
24 shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the  
25 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons  
26 the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the  
27 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's  
28 report if the youth is a dependent.

29 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the  
30 juvenile into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center  
31 have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home  
32 because he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made  
33 immediately to the department of social and health services.

34 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any  
35 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of  
36 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

37 (6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that  
38 a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080,  
39 the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person

1 harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the  
2 locations specified in RCW 43.185C.265.

3 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as  
4 provided in this chapter.

5 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.280 and 2015 c 69 s 16 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The administrator of a designated crisis residential center  
8 shall perform the duties under subsection (3) of this section:

9 (a) Upon admitting a child who has been brought to the center by  
10 a law enforcement officer under RCW 43.185C.265;

11 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has  
12 requested admittance to the center;

13 (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.082 that the  
14 person is providing shelter to a child absent from home; or

15 (d) Upon learning that a child has been placed with a responsible  
16 adult pursuant to RCW 43.185C.265.

17 (2) Transportation expenses of the child shall be at the parent's  
18 expense to the extent of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet  
19 transportation expenses assumed by the crisis residential center.

20 (3) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this  
21 section are present, the administrator of a center shall perform the  
22 following duties:

23 (a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's  
24 whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances  
25 surrounding his or her placement;

26 (b) Initially notify the parent that it is the paramount concern  
27 of the family reconciliation service personnel to achieve a  
28 reconciliation between the parent and child to reunify the family and  
29 inform the parent as to the procedures to be followed under this  
30 chapter;

31 (c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective  
32 services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard  
33 pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(1) governing child abuse and neglect in  
34 this state; and either

35 (d)(i) Arrange transportation for the child to the residence of  
36 the parent, as soon as practicable, when the child and his or her  
37 parent agrees to the child's return home or when the parent produces  
38 a copy of a court order entered under this chapter requiring the  
39 child to reside in the parent's home; or

1 (ii) Arrange transportation for the child to: (A) An out-of-home  
2 placement which may include a licensed group care facility or foster  
3 family when agreed to by the child and parent; or (B) a certified or  
4 licensed mental health or chemical dependency program of the parent's  
5 choice.

6 (4) If the administrator of the crisis residential center  
7 performs the duties listed in subsection (3) of this section for a  
8 dependent child, he or she shall also notify the department of social  
9 and health services that a dependent child has been admitted to the  
10 crisis residential center.

11 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.285 and 2015 c 69 s 17 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify  
14 parents(~~(,)~~) and the appropriate law enforcement agency(~~(, and the~~  
15 ~~department of social and health services)~~) immediately as to any  
16 unauthorized leave from the center by a child placed at the center.  
17 The administrator shall also notify the department of social and  
18 health services immediately as to any unauthorized leave from the  
19 center by a dependent child placed at the center.

20 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.295 and 2015 c 69 s 19 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) The department shall establish, through performance-based  
23 contracts with private or public vendors, regional crisis residential  
24 centers with semi-secure facilities. These facilities shall be  
25 structured group care facilities licensed under rules adopted by the  
26 department of social and health services and shall have an average of  
27 at least four adult staff members and in no event less than three  
28 adult staff members to every eight children.

29 (2) Crisis residential centers must record client information  
30 into a homeless management information system specified by the  
31 department.

32 (3) Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the  
33 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with  
34 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with  
35 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed  
36 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include  
37 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to  
38 subsection (1) of this section.

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

5 (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting entities to  
6 include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis residential  
7 centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers pursuant to  
8 RCW 43.185C.315 in the same building or structure. The department  
9 shall permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity  
10 operating the facility agrees to designate a particular number of  
11 beds to each type of center that is located within the building or  
12 structure.

13 (6) The staff at the facilities established under this section  
14 shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles  
15 admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and  
16 structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support and  
17 the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their  
18 families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW  
19 43.185C.280.

20 (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential  
21 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW  
22 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one  
23 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall  
24 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

25 (8) If a secure crisis residential center is located in or  
26 adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall be  
27 operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the  
28 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

29 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.320 and 2015 c 69 s 23 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 To be eligible for placement in a HOPE center, a minor must be  
32 either a street youth, as that term is defined in this chapter, or a  
33 youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to  
34 participate in increasingly risky behavior. Youth may also self-refer  
35 to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed is not contingent  
36 upon prior approval by the department(~~(; however, approval from the~~  
37 ~~department of social and health services is needed if the youth is~~  
38 ~~dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW)~~).

1       **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.325 and 1999 c 267 s 21 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The department shall provide technical assistance in  
4 preparation of grant proposals for HOPE centers ((and)) to nonprofit  
5 organizations unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of  
6 requests for proposals to the department.

7       (2) The department of social and health services shall provide  
8 technical assistance in preparation of grant proposals for  
9 responsible living skills programs to nonprofit organizations  
10 unfamiliar with and inexperienced in submission of requests for  
11 proposals to the department of social and health services.

12       **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.330 and 1999 c 267 s 22 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14       (1) The department shall consider prioritizing, on an ongoing  
15 basis, the awarding of contracts for HOPE centers ((and responsible  
16 living skills programs)) to providers who have not traditionally been  
17 awarded contracts with the department.

18       (2) The department of social and health services shall consider  
19 prioritizing, on an ongoing basis, the awarding of contracts for  
20 responsible living skills programs to providers who have not  
21 traditionally been awarded contracts with the department of social  
22 and health services."

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23       On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "2015;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.185C.010,  
25 43.185C.180, 43.185C.250, 43.185C.260, 43.185C.280, 43.185C.285,  
26 43.185C.295, 43.185C.320, 43.185C.325, and 43.185C.330; and  
27 reenacting and amending RCW 13.50.010."

EFFECT: At the time of collecting personally identifying information of an unaccompanied youth under the age of 18 for the HMIS, the provider is to contact either the parent(s) or the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) within 72 hours, preferably 24 hours, to notify the parent/DSHS of the youth's whereabouts. The provider is to also check the information the Washington state patrol makes publicly available, and if the youth is listed as missing, the provider shall immediately contact the DSHS.

Requires that an identifying photograph of a homeless individual shall be taken along with personally identifying information for the Washington homeless client management information system.

Requires the department to create a monthly report containing information regarding the current disposition of youth who have utilized services under this section or a summary of the services the youth received under this section.

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