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**HOUSE BILL 2704**

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**By** Representatives Caldier, Orwall, Griffey, Mosbrucker, Callan, Appleton, Davis, Tarleton, Pollet, and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a competitive grant program for  
2 community sexual assault programs to provide counseling services in  
3 schools; and adding a new section to chapter 43.280 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.280  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
8 specific purpose, the office of crime victims advocacy shall  
9 administer a competitive grant program for community sexual assault  
10 programs, as defined in RCW 70.125.030, to provide group counseling  
11 in common schools, as defined in RCW 28A.150.020, for youth survivors  
12 of sexual assault.

13 (2) The office of crime victims advocacy shall adopt policies and  
14 procedures necessary to administer the grant program, including for  
15 the application review and selection process, disbursement of the  
16 grant awards to selected applicants, and tracking compliance and  
17 proper use of funds. To qualify for a grant under this section, an  
18 applicant must: Be a community sexual assault program accredited and  
19 contracted through the office of crime victims advocacy; have prior  
20 experience providing group counseling to youth; and have established  
21 or be willing to establish committed partnerships with one or more

1 common schools. Grant funds must be used for providing group  
2 counseling in one or more common schools for youth survivors of  
3 sexual assault. The office of crime victims advocacy shall award  
4 grants on an annual basis.

5 (3) Grant awards under this section are supplemental to other  
6 funding provided to a community sexual assault program through other  
7 programs administered by the office of crime victims advocacy  
8 including, but not limited to, funding governed by the formula under  
9 RCW 43.280.020(3).

10 (4) The office of crime victims advocacy shall submit an annual  
11 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the  
12 legislature on the grant program, including a summary of selected  
13 grant recipients, schools served, and services provided, by December  
14 1st of each year.

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