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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1685**

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**State of Washington**

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**2024 Regular Session**

**By** House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Rule, Dent, Eslick, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 01/24/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to resource and assessment centers; amending RCW  
2 74.15.020 and 74.15.311; reenacting and amending RCW 74.15.020;  
3 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.15.020 and 2023 c 408 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter and  
8 RCW 74.13.031 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association,  
10 corporation, or facility which receives children, expectant mothers,  
11 or persons with developmental disabilities for control, care, or  
12 maintenance outside their own homes, or which places, arranges the  
13 placement of, or assists in the placement of children, expectant  
14 mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities for foster care  
15 or placement of children for adoption, and shall include the  
16 following irrespective of whether there is compensation to the agency  
17 or to the children, expectant mothers, or persons with developmental  
18 disabilities for services rendered:

19 (a) "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child  
20 or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

1 (b) "Community facility" means a group care facility operated for  
2 the care of juveniles committed to the department under RCW  
3 13.40.185. A county detention facility that houses juveniles  
4 committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a  
5 contract with the department is not a community facility;

6 (c) "Crisis residential center" means an agency which is a  
7 temporary protective residential facility operated to perform the  
8 duties specified in chapter 13.32A RCW, in the manner provided in RCW  
9 43.185C.295 through 43.185C.310;

10 (d) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be commonly  
11 known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care  
12 for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by  
13 their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency  
14 respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and  
15 for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide  
16 care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons  
17 eighteen through twenty with developmental disabilities who are  
18 admitted with a sibling or siblings through age seventeen. Emergency  
19 respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or  
20 HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and  
21 may not substitute for services which are required under chapter  
22 13.32A or 13.34 RCW;

23 (e) "Foster family home" means an agency which regularly provides  
24 care on a twenty-four hour basis to one or more children, expectant  
25 mothers, or persons with developmental disabilities in the family  
26 abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and  
27 supervision the child, expectant mother, or person with a  
28 developmental disability is placed;

29 (f) "Group-care facility" means an agency, other than a foster  
30 family home, which is maintained and operated for the care of a group  
31 of children on a twenty-four hour basis. "Group care facility"  
32 includes but is not limited to:

33 (i) Qualified residential treatment programs as defined in RCW  
34 13.34.030;

35 (ii) Facilities specializing in providing prenatal, postpartum,  
36 or parenting supports for youth; and

37 (iii) Facilities providing high quality residential care and  
38 supportive services to children who are, or who are at risk of  
39 becoming, victims of sex trafficking;

1 (g) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the secretary to  
2 provide temporary residential placement and other services to street  
3 youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center for thirty days  
4 while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated.  
5 No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by  
6 the department and any additional days approved by the department  
7 must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option.  
8 A street youth whose parent wants him or her returned to home may  
9 remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent arranges return of  
10 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court  
11 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center  
12 up to thirty days;

13 (h) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides or  
14 arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during  
15 confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their  
16 infants after confinement;

17 (i) "Resource and assessment center" means an agency that  
18 provides short-term emergency and crisis care for a period up to  
19 ~~((seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays))~~  
20 three business days, or up to seven business days with department  
21 approval to children who have been removed from their parent's or  
22 guardian's care by child protective services or law enforcement;

23 (j) "Responsible living skills program" means an agency licensed  
24 by the secretary that provides residential and transitional living  
25 services to persons ages sixteen to eighteen who are dependent under  
26 chapter 13.34 RCW and who have been unable to live in his or her  
27 legally authorized residence and, as a result, the minor lived  
28 outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by  
29 the minor. Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible  
30 if no other placement alternative is available and the department  
31 approves the placement;

32 (k) "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community  
33 facility.

34 (2) "Agency" shall not include the following:

35 (a) Persons related to the child, expectant mother, or person  
36 with developmental disability in the following ways:

37 (i) Any blood relative, including those of half-blood, and  
38 including first cousins, second cousins, nephews or nieces, and  
39 persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand,  
40 great, or great-great;

1 (ii) Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, and stepsister;  
2 (iii) A person who legally adopts a child or the child's parent  
3 as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such  
4 persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance  
5 with state law;  
6 (iv) Spouses of any persons named in (a)(i), (ii), or (iii) of  
7 this subsection (2), even after the marriage is terminated;  
8 (v) Relatives, as named in (a)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this  
9 subsection (2), of any half sibling of the child; or  
10 (vi) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of  
11 the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a  
12 person who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian  
13 child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law  
14 or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or  
15 stepparent who provides care in the family abode on a twenty-four-  
16 hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);  
17 (b) Persons who are legal guardians of the child, expectant  
18 mother, or persons with developmental disabilities;  
19 (c) Persons who care for a neighbor's or friend's child or  
20 children, with or without compensation, where the parent and person  
21 providing care on a twenty-four-hour basis have agreed to the  
22 placement in writing and the state is not providing any payment for  
23 the care;  
24 (d) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that  
25 provides placement or similar services to exchange students or  
26 international student exchange visitors or persons who have the care  
27 of an exchange student in their home;  
28 (e) A person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that  
29 provides placement or similar services to international children who  
30 have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria  
31 for medical care as established by the United States citizenship and  
32 immigration services, or persons who have the care of such an  
33 international child in their home;  
34 (f) Schools, including boarding schools, which are engaged  
35 primarily in education, operate on a definite school year schedule,  
36 follow a stated academic curriculum, accept only school-age children  
37 and do not accept custody of children;  
38 (g) Hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW when  
39 performing functions defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, nursing homes

1 licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW and assisted living facilities  
2 licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;

3 (h) Licensed physicians or lawyers;

4 (i) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22 RCW;

5 (j) Any agency having been in operation in this state ten years  
6 prior to June 8, 1967, and not seeking or accepting moneys or  
7 assistance from any state or federal agency, and is supported in part  
8 by an endowment or trust fund;

9 (k) Persons who have a child in their home for purposes of  
10 adoption, if the child was placed in such home by a licensed child-  
11 placing agency, an authorized public or tribal agency or court or if  
12 a replacement report has been filed under chapter 26.33 RCW and the  
13 placement has been approved by the court;

14 (l) An agency operated by any unit of local, state, or federal  
15 government or an agency licensed by an Indian tribe pursuant to RCW  
16 74.15.190;

17 (m) A maximum or medium security program for juvenile offenders  
18 operated by or under contract with the department;

19 (n) An agency located on a federal military reservation, except  
20 where the military authorities request that such agency be subject to  
21 the licensing requirements of this chapter;

22 (o)(i) A host home program, and host home, operated by a tax  
23 exempt organization for youth not in the care of or receiving  
24 services from the department except as provided in (~~subsection (2)~~)

25 (~~(o)(iii) of this (section—[(o)(iii)—of—this—subsection])~~)  
26 subsection, if that program: (A) Recruits and screens potential homes

27 in the program, including performing background checks on individuals  
28 over the age of eighteen residing in the home through the Washington  
29 state patrol or equivalent law enforcement agency and performing  
30 physical inspections of the home; (B) screens and provides case  
31 management services to youth in the program; (C) obtains a notarized  
32 permission slip or limited power of attorney from the parent or legal  
33 guardian of the youth authorizing the youth to participate in the  
34 program and the authorization is updated every six months when a  
35 youth remains in a host home longer than six months, unless there is  
36 a compelling reason to not contact the parent or guardian; (D)  
37 obtains insurance for the program through an insurance provider  
38 authorized under Title 48 RCW; (E) provides mandatory reporter and  
39 confidentiality training; and (F) registers with the secretary of  
40 state under RCW 74.15.315.

1 (ii) If a host home program serves a child without parental  
2 authorization who is seeking or receiving protected health care  
3 services, the host home program must:

4 (A) Report to the department within 72 hours of the youth's  
5 participation in the program and following this report the department  
6 shall make a good faith attempt to notify the parent of this report  
7 and offer services designed to resolve the conflict and accomplish a  
8 reunification of the family;

9 (B) Report to the department the youth's participation in the  
10 host home program at least once every month when the youth remains in  
11 the host home longer than one month; and

12 (C) Provide case management outside of the host home and away  
13 from any individuals residing in the home at least once per month.

14 (iii) A host home program and host home that meets the other  
15 requirements of this subsection (2)(o) (~~(of this section [this~~  
16 ~~subsection (2)(o)]~~) may provide care for a youth who is receiving  
17 services from the department if the youth is:

18 (A) Not subject to a dependency proceeding under chapter 13.34  
19 RCW; and

20 (B) Seeking or receiving protected health care services.

21 (iv) For purposes of this section, the following definitions  
22 apply:

23 (A) "Host home" means a private home that volunteers to host  
24 youth in need of temporary placement that is associated with a host  
25 home program.

26 (B) "Host home program" is a program that provides support to  
27 individual host homes and meets the requirements of (o)(i) of this  
28 subsection.

29 (C) "Compelling reason" means the youth is in the host home or  
30 seeking placement in a host home while seeking or receiving protected  
31 health care services.

32 (D) "Protected health care services" means gender-affirming  
33 treatment as defined in RCW 74.09.675 and reproductive health care  
34 services as defined in RCW 74.09.875.

35 (v) Any host home program that receives local, state, or  
36 government funding shall report the following information to the  
37 office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs annually  
38 by December 1st of each year: The number of children the program  
39 served, why the child was placed with a host home, and where the  
40 child went after leaving the host home, including but not limited to

1 returning to the parents, running away, reaching the age of majority,  
2 or becoming a dependent of the state;

3 (p) Receiving centers as defined in RCW 7.68.380.

4 (3) "Department" means the department of children, youth, and  
5 families.

6 (4) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of twenty-one who has  
7 been sentenced to a term of confinement under the supervision of the  
8 department under RCW 13.40.185.

9 (5) "Performance-based contracts" or "contracting" means the  
10 structuring of all aspects of the procurement of services around the  
11 purpose of the work to be performed and the desired results with the  
12 contract requirements set forth in clear, specific, and objective  
13 terms with measurable outcomes. Contracts may also include provisions  
14 that link the performance of the contractor to the level and timing  
15 of the reimbursement.

16 (6) "Probationary license" means a license issued as a  
17 disciplinary measure to an agency that has previously been issued a  
18 full license but is out of compliance with licensing standards.

19 (7) "Requirement" means any rule, regulation, or standard of care  
20 to be maintained by an agency.

21 (8) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department.

22 (9) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who  
23 lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for  
24 occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent  
25 or at his or her legally authorized residence.

26 (10) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the  
27 extent funds are available, the following:

28 (a) Educational services, including basic literacy and  
29 computational skills training, either in local alternative or public  
30 high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to  
31 obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

32 (b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational  
33 training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance,  
34 and placement programs;

35 (c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money  
36 management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care,  
37 access to community resources, and transportation and housing  
38 options;

39 (d) Individual and group counseling; and

1 (e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and  
2 local organizations such as the United States department of labor,  
3 employment and training administration programs including the  
4 workforce innovation and opportunity act which administers private  
5 industry councils and the job corps; vocational rehabilitation; and  
6 volunteer programs.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.15.020 and 2023 c 441 s 4 and 2023 c 408 s 3 are  
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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12 corporation, facility, or residential private school which receives  
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14 disabilities for control, care, or maintenance outside their own  
15 homes, or which places, arranges the placement of, or assists in the  
16 placement of children, expectant mothers, or persons with  
17 developmental disabilities for foster care or placement of children  
18 for adoption, and shall include the following irrespective of whether  
19 there is compensation to the agency or to the children, expectant  
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22 (a) "Child-placing agency" means an agency which places a child  
23 or children for temporary care, continued care, or for adoption;

24 (b) "Community facility" means a group care facility operated for  
25 the care of juveniles committed to the department under RCW  
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27 committed to the department under RCW 13.40.185 pursuant to a  
28 contract with the department is not a community facility;

29 (c) "Crisis residential center" means an agency which is a  
30 temporary protective residential facility operated to perform the  
31 duties specified in chapter 13.32A RCW, in the manner provided in RCW  
32 43.185C.295 through 43.185C.310;

33 (d) "Emergency respite center" is an agency that may be commonly  
34 known as a crisis nursery, that provides emergency and crisis care  
35 for up to seventy-two hours to children who have been admitted by  
36 their parents or guardians to prevent abuse or neglect. Emergency  
37 respite centers may operate for up to twenty-four hours a day, and  
38 for up to seven days a week. Emergency respite centers may provide  
39 care for children ages birth through seventeen, and for persons



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3 respite centers may not substitute for crisis residential centers or  
4 HOPE centers, or any other services defined under this section, and  
5 may not substitute for services which are required under chapter  
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20 or parenting supports for youth; and

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33 the youth, not longer. All other street youth must have court  
34 approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center  
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36 (h) "Maternity service" means an agency which provides or  
37 arranges for care or services to expectant mothers, before or during  
38 confinement, or which provides care as needed to mothers and their  
39 infants after confinement;

1 (i) "Residential private school" means a nonpublic school or  
2 nonpublic school district subject to approval by the state board of  
3 education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130 and chapter 28A.195 RCW that  
4 provides sleeping and living facilities or residential accommodations  
5 for enrolled students;

6 (j) "Resource and assessment center" means an agency that  
7 provides short-term emergency and crisis care for a period up to  
8 (~~seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays~~)  
9 three business days, or up to seven business days with department  
10 approval to children who have been removed from their parent's or  
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17 outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for occupancy by  
18 the minor. Dependent minors ages fourteen and fifteen may be eligible  
19 if no other placement alternative is available and the department  
20 approves the placement;

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22 facility.

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27 including first cousins, second cousins, nephews or nieces, and  
28 persons of preceding generations as denoted by prefixes of grand,  
29 great, or great-great;

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32 as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such  
33 persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents in accordance  
34 with state law;

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36 this subsection (2), even after the marriage is terminated;

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38 subsection (2), of any half sibling of the child; or

39 (vi) Extended family members, as defined by the law or custom of  
40 the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a

1 person who has reached the age of eighteen and who is the Indian  
2 child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law  
3 or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin, or  
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5 hour basis to an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903(4);

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7 mother, or persons with developmental disabilities;

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9 children, with or without compensation, where the parent and person  
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11 placement in writing and the state is not providing any payment for  
12 the care;

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16 of an exchange student in their home;

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19 have entered the country by obtaining visas that meet the criteria  
20 for medical care as established by the United States citizenship and  
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24 education, operate on a definite school year schedule, follow a  
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10 the licensing requirements of this chapter;

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28 confidentiality training; and (F) registers with the secretary of  
29 state under RCW 74.15.315.

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31 authorization who is seeking or receiving protected health care  
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37 reunification of the family;

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39 host home program at least once every month when the youth remains in  
40 the host home longer than one month; and

1 (C) Provide case management outside of the host home and away  
2 from any individuals residing in the home at least once per month.

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13 occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent  
14 or at his or her legally authorized residence.

15 (10) "Transitional living services" means at a minimum, to the  
16 extent funds are available, the following:

17 (a) Educational services, including basic literacy and  
18 computational skills training, either in local alternative or public  
19 high schools or in a high school equivalency program that leads to  
20 obtaining a high school equivalency degree;

21 (b) Assistance and counseling related to obtaining vocational  
22 training or higher education, job readiness, job search assistance,  
23 and placement programs;

24 (c) Counseling and instruction in life skills such as money  
25 management, home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care,  
26 access to community resources, and transportation and housing  
27 options;

28 (d) Individual and group counseling; and

29 (e) Establishing networks with federal agencies and state and  
30 local organizations such as the United States department of labor,  
31 employment and training administration programs including the  
32 workforce innovation and opportunity act which administers private  
33 industry councils and the job corps; vocational rehabilitation; and  
34 volunteer programs.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.15.311 and 2013 c 105 s 3 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) The secretary is authorized to license resource and  
38 assessment centers if the agency meets the following requirements:

1 (a) There is a demonstrated need in the local community for a  
2 resource and assessment center; and

3 (b) The resource and assessment center will be primarily staffed  
4 by trained volunteers (~~(; and~~

5 ~~(c) The resource and assessment center demonstrates it is not~~  
6 ~~financially dependent on reimbursement from the state to operate)).~~

7 (2) The department may adopt rules to specify licensing  
8 requirements for resource and assessment centers. Rules adopted by  
9 the department shall allow:

10 (a) A sufficient number of trained volunteers to meet staffing  
11 requirements;

12 (b) Flexibility in hours of operation and not require the  
13 resource and assessment center to be open if there are no children in  
14 its care; and

15 (c) The ability to operate in a residential area.

16 (3) Resource and assessment centers licensed under this section  
17 may:

18 (a) Provide care for children ages birth through (~~(twelve, or for~~  
19 ~~children ages thirteen through seventeen who have a sibling or~~  
20 ~~siblings under thirteen years of age who are being admitted to the~~  
21 ~~resource and assessment center)) 17 at the discretion of the resource  
22 and assessment center; ((and))~~

23 (b) Operate up to (~~(twenty-four))~~ 24 hours per day, and for up to  
24 seven days per week (~~(-~~

25 ~~(4) Resource and assessment centers may not be))~~;

26 (c) Provide care for children for up to three business days or up  
27 to seven business days with department approval;

28 (d) Be used to ((address)) provide emergency initial care for  
29 children as they enter foster care; and

30 (e) Address placement disruptions for children who have not been  
31 removed from a foster home because of the child's behavior or safety  
32 concerns.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 1 of this act expires July 1,  
34 2025.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,  
36 2025.

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