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**By** House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Farivar, Penner, Reed, Scott, Thomas, and Hill)

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1 AN ACT Relating to renaming certain state residential facilities  
2 for persons with developmental disabilities; amending RCW  
3 28A.190.005, 28B.30.810, 43.382.801, 71A.20.020, 71A.20.030,  
4 71A.20.170, 71A.20.180, 71A.20.191, 71A.20.195, 72.01.050, and  
5 72.05.010; and creating new sections.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington  
8 maintains a system of residential habilitation centers providing  
9 residential habilitative support for primarily adult individuals with  
10 developmental disabilities. Services at these facilities include  
11 medical and dental treatment, training in daily living skills,  
12 nursing services, employment services, and myriad other therapies and  
13 supports. Three of the four residential habilitation centers that are  
14 currently in use, as well as one former facility, are officially  
15 referred to in statute as schools. This does not accurately reflect  
16 the primary function or purpose of these facilities.

17 Therefore, the legislature intends to officially rename these  
18 facilities residential habilitation centers. The legislature does not  
19 intend to change the purpose or operations of these facilities in any  
20 way by renaming them, nor does it intend for the renaming to have any  
21 direct or indirect effect on access to funding for these facilities;

1 rather, it seeks to clarify that these are habilitative facilities,  
2 rather than educational institutions, and make the names of the  
3 residential habilitation centers consistent on a systemwide basis.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The following residential habilitation  
5 centers are renamed:

6 (a) Fircrest school is renamed Fircrest residential habilitation  
7 center;

8 (b) Rainier school is renamed Rainier residential habilitation  
9 center; and

10 (c) Yakima Valley school is renamed Yakima Valley residential  
11 habilitation center.

12 (2) Lakeland Village residential habilitation center will  
13 continue to be named Lakeland Village residential habilitation  
14 center.

15 (3) References to the former Interlake school will be to  
16 Interlake residential habilitation center.

17 (4) Any existing references to Fircrest school, Rainier school,  
18 or Yakima Valley school retain full force and effect as would a  
19 reference to the updated names as identified in subsection (1) of  
20 this section.

21 (5) The department of social and health services shall update  
22 rules and make other changes necessary to reflect the current names  
23 of the facilities as identified in this section.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.190.005 and 2021 c 164 s 3 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
27 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

28 (1) "Institutional education facility" means residential  
29 habilitation and child study and treatment centers operated by the  
30 department of social and health services, state long-term juvenile  
31 institutions operated by the department of children, youth, and  
32 families, state-operated community facilities, county juvenile  
33 detention centers, and facilities of the department of corrections  
34 that incarcerate juveniles committed as adults.

35 (2) "Institutional education program" means the program of  
36 education that is provided to youth in institutional education  
37 facilities as a mandatory component of the program of basic education  
38 under RCW 28A.150.200.

1 (3) "Institutional education provider" or "provider" means a  
2 school district, educational service district, or other entity  
3 providing education services to youth in an institutional education  
4 facility.

5 (4) "Postresident youth" means a person who is under the age of  
6 21 and a former resident of an institutional education facility. A  
7 postresident youth may be a public school student or a person who is  
8 eligible to be a public school student but who is not enrolled in a  
9 school or otherwise receiving basic education services.

10 (5) "Residential school" means the following institutional  
11 education facilities: Green Hill school, Naselle Youth Camp, Echo  
12 Glen, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, Rainier  
13 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, Yakima Valley (~~school~~)  
14 residential habilitation center, Fircrest (~~school~~) residential  
15 habilitation center, the Child Study and Treatment Center and  
16 Secondary School of western state hospital, and other schools, camps,  
17 and centers established by the department of social and health  
18 services or the department of children, youth, and families for the  
19 diagnosis, confinement, and rehabilitation of juveniles committed by  
20 the courts or for the care and treatment of persons who are  
21 exceptional in their needs by reason of mental or physical  
22 deficiency. "Residential school" does not include the state schools  
23 for the blind, the Washington state center for childhood deafness and  
24 hearing loss, or adult correctional institutions.

25 (6) "School district" has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.315.025  
26 and includes any educational service district that has entered into  
27 an agreement to provide a program of education for residents at an  
28 institutional education facility on behalf of the school district as  
29 a cooperative service program pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180.

30 (7) "Youth" means a person who is under the age of 21 who is a  
31 resident of an institutional education facility. A youth may be a  
32 public school student or a person who is eligible to be a public  
33 school student but who is not enrolled in a school or otherwise  
34 receiving basic education services.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.30.810 and 1988 c 57 s 1 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) Washington State University shall establish and operate a  
38 dairy/forage and agricultural research facility at the Rainier  
39 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center farm.

1 (2) Local funds generated through operation of this facility  
2 shall be managed in a revolving fund, established herewith, by the  
3 university. This fund shall consist of all moneys received in  
4 connection with the operation of the facility and any moneys  
5 appropriated to the fund by law. Disbursements from the revolving  
6 fund shall be on authorization of the president of the university or  
7 the president's designee. In order to maintain an effective  
8 expenditure and revenue control, this fund, to be known as the dairy/  
9 forage facility revolving fund, shall be subject in all respects to  
10 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit  
11 expenditures and payment of obligations from the fund.

12 (3) In the event state funding is not sufficient to operate the  
13 dairy cattle herd, the university is authorized to lease the herd,  
14 together with the land necessary to maintain the same, for such  
15 period and upon such terms as the university board of regents shall  
16 deem proper.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.382.801 and 2025 c 410 s 4 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) By November 1, 2028, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,  
20 the office of the developmental (~~(disability—[disabilities])~~)  
21 disabilities ombuds shall submit a report to the appropriate  
22 committees of the legislature that includes summaries of resident,  
23 parent, and guardian feedback regarding transition of residents out  
24 of the Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center following  
25 July 27, 2025.

26 (2) This section expires July 1, 2029.

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 71A.20.020 and 2025 c 410 s 1 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
30 section, the following residential habilitation centers are  
31 permanently established to provide services to persons with  
32 developmental disabilities: Lakeland Village residential habilitation  
33 center, located at Medical Lake, Spokane county; Rainier (~~(school)~~)  
34 residential habilitation center, located at Buckley, Pierce county;  
35 Yakima Valley (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center, located at  
36 Selah, Yakima county; and Fircrest (~~(school)~~) residential  
37 habilitation center, located at Seattle, King county.

1 (2) The Yakima Valley (~~school~~) residential habilitation center,  
2 located at Selah, Yakima county, shall cease to operate as a  
3 residential habilitation center when the conditions in RCW  
4 71A.20.180(1)(a) are met.

5 (3) The Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center,  
6 located at Buckley, Pierce county shall cease to operate as a  
7 residential habilitation center when the conditions in RCW  
8 71A.20.191(5) are met.

9 **Sec. 7.** RCW 71A.20.030 and 1988 c 176 s 703 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The secretary may use surplus physical facilities at eastern  
12 state hospital as a residential habilitation center, which shall be  
13 known as the "Interlake (~~School~~) residential habilitation center."

14 (2) The secretary may designate and select such buildings and  
15 facilities and tracts of land at eastern state hospital that are  
16 surplus to the needs of the department for mentally ill persons and  
17 that are reasonably necessary and adequate for services for persons  
18 with developmental disabilities. The secretary shall also designate  
19 those buildings, equipment, and facilities which are to be used  
20 jointly and mutually by both eastern state hospital and Interlake  
21 (~~School~~) residential habilitation center.

22 **Sec. 8.** RCW 71A.20.170 and 2020 c 250 s 1 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The developmental disabilities community services account is  
25 created in the state treasury.

26 (2) The following revenues must be deposited in the account:

27 (a) All net proceeds from leases or sales of real property,  
28 conservation easements, and sales of timber, from the state  
29 properties at the Fircrest residential habilitation center, the  
30 Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, the Rainier  
31 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, and the Yakima Valley  
32 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center. However, real property  
33 that is determined by the department of social and health services to  
34 be required for the operations of the residential habilitation  
35 centers is excluded from the real property that may be leased or sold  
36 for the benefit of the account. In addition, real property owned by  
37 the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory institutions  
38 trust, and revenue therefrom, is excluded; and

1 (b) Any other moneys appropriated or transferred to the account  
2 by the legislature.

3 (3) Any sale, lease, or easement under this section must be at  
4 fair market value.

5 (4) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.  
6 Expenditures from the account shall be used exclusively for:

7 (a) Supports and services in a community setting to benefit  
8 eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; or

9 (b) Investment expenses of the state investment board.

10 (5) The department of social and health services must solicit  
11 recommendations from the Washington state developmental disabilities  
12 council regarding expenditure of moneys from the Dan Thompson  
13 memorial developmental disabilities community services account for  
14 supports and services in a community setting to benefit eligible  
15 persons with developmental disabilities.

16 (6) Expenditures from the account must supplement, and may not  
17 replace, supplant, or reduce current state expenditure levels for  
18 supports and services in the community setting for eligible persons  
19 with developmental disabilities.

20 (7) (a) The state investment board must invest moneys in the  
21 account. The state investment board has the full power to invest,  
22 reinvest, manage, contract, sell, or exchange investment money in the  
23 account. All investment and operating costs associated with the  
24 investment of money shall be paid under RCW 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160.

25 (b) All investments made by the state investment board shall be  
26 made with the degree of judgment and care required under RCW  
27 43.33A.140 and the investment policy established by the state  
28 investment board.

29 (c) The state investment board shall routinely consult and  
30 communicate with the department of social and health services and the  
31 legislature on the investment policy, earnings of the account, and  
32 related needs of the account.

33 (8) The account shall be known as the Dan Thompson memorial  
34 developmental disabilities community services account.

35 **Sec. 9.** RCW 71A.20.180 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 19 s 1 are each  
36 amended to read as follows:

37 (1) (a) The Yakima Valley (~~school~~) residential habilitation  
38 center shall continue to operate as a residential habilitation center  
39 until such time that the census of permanent residents has reached

1 eight persons. Upon such time as the facility closes to full  
2 residential care, the facility must thereafter operate crisis  
3 stabilization beds and only so many respite service beds as the needs  
4 of the department-identified catchment area or as emergency placement  
5 needs require, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated  
6 for this specific purpose.

7 (b) As of October 19, 2017, no new long-term admissions are  
8 permitted.

9 (2) The department, within available funds:

10 (a) Shall establish state-operated living alternatives, within  
11 funds specifically provided in the omnibus appropriations act, to  
12 provide community residential services to residential habilitation  
13 center residents transitioning to the community under chapter 30,  
14 Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. who prefer a state-operated living  
15 alternative. The department shall offer residential habilitation  
16 center employees opportunities to work in state-operated living  
17 alternatives as they are established;

18 (b) May use existing supported living program capacity in the  
19 community for former residential habilitation center residents who  
20 prefer and choose a supported living program;

21 (c) Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis  
22 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based  
23 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the  
24 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services;

25 (d) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services evenly  
26 distributed throughout the state, such as dental care, physical  
27 therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care, which  
28 can be made available to former residents of residential habilitation  
29 centers and, within available funds, other individuals with  
30 developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

31 (e) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential  
32 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the  
33 community.

34 **Sec. 10.** RCW 71A.20.191 and 2025 c 410 s 2 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as  
37 of July 27, 2025, no new long-term admissions are permitted at the  
38 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, located at  
39 Buckley, Pierce county.

1 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as of  
2 June 30, 2027, no admissions of any kind are permitted at the Rainier  
3 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, located at Buckley,  
4 Pierce county.

5 (2) Until the conditions in subsection (5) of this section are  
6 met, a former long-term resident of the Rainier (~~school~~)  
7 residential habilitation center who moves to a community-based  
8 setting after July 27, 2025, shall be offered the right to return to  
9 the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center once during  
10 the first year following their move to the community and this shall  
11 not be considered a new admission for purposes of subsection (1) of  
12 this section. If a former resident of the Rainier (~~school~~)  
13 residential habilitation center exercises the right to return  
14 established in this subsection (2), any additional request to return  
15 to the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center after a  
16 second move to the community shall be reviewed by the department and  
17 must be approved by the secretary, based on the recommendation from a  
18 multidisciplinary care team. In addition to the right to return  
19 established in this subsection (2), any former resident of the  
20 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center maintains the  
21 right to return to a residential habilitation center established in  
22 RCW 71A.18.040 and the right to residential habilitation center  
23 services when determined eligible.

24 (3) (a) The department shall:

25 (i) Provide state-operated living alternatives to residential  
26 habilitation center residents transitioning to the community from the  
27 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center who prefer a  
28 state-operated community residential service;

29 (ii) Use supported living program and adult family home capacity  
30 in the community for residents of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential  
31 habilitation center who prefer and choose these settings;

32 (iii) Provide space at other residential habilitation centers to  
33 residents of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center  
34 who prefer a different residential habilitation center setting; and

35 (iv) Offer employees of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential  
36 habilitation center opportunities to work in state-operated living  
37 alternatives and other state facilities and programs.

38 (b) Sufficient funding shall be appropriated to the department to  
39 fulfill the requirements of this subsection (3).

1 (4) When assisting individuals who are transitioning out of the  
2 Rainier ((~~school~~)) residential habilitation center the department  
3 shall:

4 (a) Offer each individual resident a meaningful choice of  
5 appropriate alternative placements;

6 (b) Prioritize client choice, autonomy, individual preferences,  
7 medical and behavioral health care needs, and opportunities for  
8 community integration;

9 (c) Develop individualized transition plans in collaboration with  
10 each resident and their family or legal guardian, caregivers, and  
11 support providers;

12 (d) Coordinate closely with other state agencies, local entities,  
13 health care providers, and community stakeholders to ensure seamless  
14 transitions;

15 (e) Provide or contract for all necessary assessments, planning,  
16 relocation expenses, housing modifications, staff training, crisis  
17 support, and related transition activities; and

18 (f) Implement robust oversight and accountability measures  
19 related to the transitions, and regularly monitor transition  
20 outcomes, as well as individual well-being and satisfaction.

21 (5) The Rainier ((~~school~~)) residential habilitation center,  
22 located at Buckley, Pierce county shall continue to operate as a  
23 residential habilitation center until such time that the census of  
24 long-term residents has reached zero persons.

25 (6) "Closure" for purposes of chapter 410, Laws of 2025 means  
26 prohibiting new admissions as described in subsection (1) of this  
27 section.

28 **Sec. 11.** RCW 71A.20.195 and 2025 c 410 s 3 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 (1) The department of social and health services shall, in  
31 compliance with RCW 43.01.036, submit a report to the appropriate  
32 committees of the legislature on December 1, 2025, June 1, 2026,  
33 December 1, 2026, June 1, 2027, June 1, 2028, and annually thereafter  
34 that provides the information described in subsection (2) of this  
35 section.

36 (2) The report required under subsection (1) of this section must  
37 include the following:

1 (a) A point in time description of the capacity for all  
2 residential settings for clients of the developmental disabilities  
3 administration within the department of social and health services;

4 (b) The number of former residents who have transitioned out of  
5 the Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center after July 27,  
6 2025, and the type of setting that the person transitioned to,  
7 including additional transitions from the initial placement;

8 (c) The number of deaths of former residents who have  
9 transitioned out of the Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation  
10 center after July 27, 2025, and into other residential settings  
11 supported by the developmental disabilities administration;

12 (d) The geographic distribution of residential placements across  
13 all existing residential placements for clients of the developmental  
14 disabilities administration within the department of social and  
15 health services; and

16 (e) Information regarding former Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential  
17 habilitation center employees who have transitioned to other state  
18 employment, left the industry, or transitioned to private sector  
19 employment after July 27, 2025.

20 (3) This section expires July 1, 2030.

21 **Sec. 12.** RCW 72.01.050 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 628 are each  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (1) The secretary of social and health services shall have full  
24 power to manage and govern the following public institutions: The  
25 western state hospital, the eastern state hospital, the northern  
26 state hospital, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, the  
27 Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center, and such other  
28 institutions as authorized by law, subject only to the limitations  
29 contained in laws relating to the management of such institutions.

30 (2) The secretary of corrections shall have full power to manage,  
31 govern, and name all state correctional facilities, subject only to  
32 the limitations contained in laws relating to the management of such  
33 institutions.

34 (3) If any state correctional facility is fully or partially  
35 destroyed by natural causes or otherwise, the secretary of  
36 corrections may, with the approval of the governor, provide for the  
37 establishment and operation of additional residential correctional  
38 facilities to place those inmates displaced by such destruction.  
39 However, such additional facilities may not be established if there

1 are existing residential correctional facilities to which all of the  
2 displaced inmates can be appropriately placed. The establishment and  
3 operation of any additional facility shall be on a temporary basis,  
4 and the facility may not be operated beyond July 1 of the year  
5 following the year in which it was partially or fully destroyed.

6 (4) The secretary of the department of children, youth, and  
7 families shall have full power to manage and govern Echo Glen, the  
8 Green Hill school, and such other institutions as authorized by law,  
9 subject only to the limitations contained in laws relating to the  
10 management of such institutions.

11 **Sec. 13.** RCW 72.05.010 and 2020 c 274 s 54 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The purposes of this section and RCW (~~(72.05.010)~~) 72.05.020  
14 through 72.05.210 are: To provide for every child with behavior  
15 problems, persons with disabilities, and hearing and visually  
16 impaired children, within the purview of this section and RCW  
17 (~~(72.05.010)~~) 72.05.020 through 72.05.210, as now or hereafter  
18 amended, such care, guidance and instruction, control and treatment  
19 as will best serve the welfare of the child or person and society; to  
20 insure nonpolitical and qualified operation, supervision, management,  
21 and control of the Green Hill school, the Naselle Youth Camp, Echo  
22 Glen, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, Rainier  
23 (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center, the Yakima Valley  
24 (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center, Fircrest (~~(school)~~)  
25 residential habilitation center, the Child Study and Treatment Center  
26 and Secondary School of western state hospital, and like residential  
27 state schools, camps, and centers hereafter established; and to  
28 provide for the persons committed or admitted to those schools and  
29 centers that type of care, instruction, and treatment most likely to  
30 accomplish their rehabilitation and restoration to normal  
31 citizenship.

32 (2) To further such purposes, Green Hill School, Echo Glen,  
33 Naselle Youth Camp, and such other juvenile rehabilitation  
34 facilities, as may hereafter be established, are placed under the  
35 department of children, youth, and families; Lakeland Village  
36 residential habilitation center, Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential  
37 habilitation center, the Yakima Valley (~~(school)~~) residential  
38 habilitation center, Fircrest (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation  
39 center, the Child Study and Treatment Center and Secondary School of

1 western state hospital, and like residential state schools, camps,  
2 and centers, hereafter established, are placed under the department  
3 of social and health services.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** If any part of this act is found to be in  
5 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
6 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
7 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
8 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
9 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application  
10 to the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet  
11 federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of  
12 federal funds by the state.

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