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By Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators C. Wilson, Frame, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Lovick, Nobles, Trudeau, and Valdez)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting juveniles in and exiting detention
2 by providing for a child in need of services process and supportive
3 services; amending RCW 13.32A.150, 13.32A.152, 13.32A.160,
4 13.32A.170, 13.32A.179, 43.330.724, and 13.40.050; reenacting and
5 amending RCW 13.32A.030; and adding new sections to chapter 13.32A
6 RCW.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.030 and 2020 c 51 s 1 are each reenacted and
9 amended to read as follows:

10 As used in this chapter the following terms have the meanings
11 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

12 (1) "Abuse or neglect" means the injury, sexual abuse, sexual
13 exploitation, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child by any
14 person under circumstances that indicate the child's health, welfare,
15 and safety is harmed, excluding conduct permitted under RCW
16 9A.16.100. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child
17 abuse or neglect as defined in this section.

18 (2) "Administrator" means the individual who has the daily
19 administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center, or his
20 or her designee.

21 (3) "At-risk youth" means a juvenile:

1 (a) Who is absent from home for at least (~~seventy-two~~) 72
2 consecutive hours without consent of his or her parent;

3 (b) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the
4 child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the
5 child or any other person; or

6 (c) Who has a substance abuse problem for which there are no
7 pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.

8 (4) "Child," "juvenile," "youth," and "minor" mean any
9 unemancipated individual who is under the chronological age of
10 (~~eighteen~~) 18 years.

11 (5) "Child in need of services" means a juvenile:

12 (a) Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the
13 child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the
14 child or any other person;

15 (b) Who has been reported to law enforcement as absent without
16 consent for at least (~~twenty-four~~) 24 consecutive hours on two or
17 more separate occasions from the home of either parent, a crisis
18 residential center, an out-of-home placement, or a court-ordered
19 placement; and

20 (i) Has exhibited a serious substance abuse problem; or

21 (ii) Has exhibited behaviors that create a serious risk of harm
22 to the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person;

23 (c) (i) (A) Who is in need of: (~~(A)~~) (I) Necessary services,
24 including food, shelter, health care, clothing, or education; or
25 (~~(B)~~) (II) services designed to maintain or reunite the family; or

26 (B) Who reasonably believes that upon release from detention or
27 county custody there will be no parent, legal guardian, or
28 responsible adult to release to;

29 (ii) Who lacks access to, or has declined to use, these services
30 or reasonably believes that upon release from detention or county
31 custody they will lack access to these services; and

32 (iii) Whose parents have evidenced continuing but unsuccessful
33 efforts to maintain the family structure or are unable or unwilling
34 to continue efforts to maintain the family structure; or

35 (d) Who is a "sexually exploited child."

36 (6) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed
37 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department seeking
38 adjudication of placement of the child.

39 (7) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-secure
40 facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.

1 (8) "Custodian" means the person or entity that has the legal
2 right to custody of the child.

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

5 (10) "Extended family member" means an adult who is a
6 grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt,
7 or first cousin with whom the child has a relationship and is
8 comfortable, and who is willing and available to care for the child.

9 (11) "Family reconciliation services" means services provided by
10 culturally relevant, trauma-informed community-based entities under
11 contract with the department, or provided directly by the department,
12 designed to assess and stabilize the family with the goal of
13 resolving crisis and building supports, skills, and connection to
14 community networks and resources including, but not limited to:

15 (a) Referrals for services for suicide prevention, psychiatric or
16 other medical care, psychological care, behavioral health treatment,
17 legal assistance, or educational assistance;

18 (b) Parent training;

19 (c) Assistance with conflict management or dispute resolution; or

20 (d) Other social services, as appropriate to meet the needs of
21 the child and the family.

22 (12) "Guardian" means the person or agency that (a) has been
23 appointed as the guardian of a child in a legal proceeding other than
24 a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, and (b) has the legal right to
25 custody of the child pursuant to such appointment. The term
26 "guardian" does not include a "dependency guardian" appointed
27 pursuant to a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

28 (13) "Multidisciplinary team" means a group formed to provide
29 assistance and support to a child who is an at-risk youth or a child
30 in need of services and his or her parent. The team must include the
31 parent, a department caseworker, a local government representative
32 when authorized by the local government, and when appropriate,
33 members from the mental health and substance abuse disciplines. The
34 team may also include, but is not limited to, the following persons:
35 Educators, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, employers,
36 church persons, tribal members, therapists, medical personnel, social
37 service providers, placement providers, and extended family members.
38 The team members must be volunteers who do not receive compensation
39 while acting in a capacity as a team member, unless the member's

1 employer chooses to provide compensation or the member is a state
2 employee.

3 (14) "Out-of-home placement" means a placement in a foster family
4 home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW or
5 placement in a home, other than that of the child's parent, guardian,
6 or legal custodian, not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter
7 74.15 RCW.

8 (15) "Parent" means the parent or parents who have the legal
9 right to custody of the child. "Parent" includes custodian or
10 guardian.

11 (16) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential center, or
12 portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, or a
13 secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from
14 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

15 (17) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility, including but not
16 limited to crisis residential centers or specialized foster family
17 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed
18 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the
19 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable
20 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no
21 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night.
22 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility
23 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving
24 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator
25 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to
26 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any
27 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable
28 time of his or her return to the center.

29 (18) "Sexually exploited child" means any person under the age of
30 (~~eighteen~~) 18 who is a victim of the crime of commercial sex abuse
31 of a minor under RCW 9.68A.100, promoting commercial sexual abuse of
32 a minor under RCW 9.68A.101, or promoting travel for commercial
33 sexual abuse of a minor under RCW 9.68A.102.

34 (19) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care
35 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department with a ratio
36 of at least one adult staff member to every two children.

37 (20) "Temporary out-of-home placement" means an out-of-home
38 placement of not more than (~~fourteen~~) 14 days ordered by the court
39 at a fact-finding hearing on a child in need of services petition.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.32A.150 and 2020 c 51 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the juvenile
4 court shall not accept the filing of a child in need of services
5 petition by the child or the parents or the filing of an at-risk
6 youth petition by the parent, unless verification is provided that
7 the department, or a community-based entity under contract with the
8 department, has completed a family assessment. The family assessment
9 shall involve the multidisciplinary team if one exists. The family
10 assessment or plan of services developed by the multidisciplinary
11 team shall be aimed at family reconciliation, reunification, and
12 avoidance of the out-of-home placement of the child. A completed
13 family assessment is not required for a child in need of services
14 petition filed pursuant to section 8 of this act.

15 (2) A child or a child's parent may file with the juvenile court
16 a child in need of services petition to approve an out-of-home
17 placement for the child before completion of a family assessment.
18 When the youth is filing a child in need of services petition while
19 in a county detention facility, or in county custody, the court shall
20 schedule an emergency hearing pursuant to section 8 of this act after
21 a family reconciliation services assessment has been requested by the
22 department. The department shall, when requested, assist either a
23 parent or child in the filing of the petition. The petition must be
24 filed in the county where the parent resides, except for petitions
25 filed pursuant to section 8 of this act. The petition shall allege
26 that the child is a child in need of services and shall ask only that
27 the placement of a child outside the home of his or her parent be
28 approved, except for petitions filed pursuant to section 8 of this
29 act. The filing of a petition to approve the placement is not
30 dependent upon the court's having obtained any prior jurisdiction
31 over the child or his or her parent, and confers upon the court a
32 special jurisdiction to approve or disapprove an out-of-home
33 placement under this chapter.

34 (3) A petition may not be filed if the child is the subject of a
35 proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.32A.152 and 2011 c 309 s 21 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) Whenever a child in need of services petition is filed by:
39 (a) A youth pursuant to RCW 13.32A.150 or section 8 of this act; (b)

1 the child or the child's parent pursuant to RCW 13.32A.120; or (c)
2 the department pursuant to RCW 13.32A.140, the filing party shall
3 have a copy of the petition served on the parents of the youth.
4 Service shall first be attempted in person and if unsuccessful, then
5 by certified mail with return receipt, except as provided otherwise.

6 (2) Whenever a child in need of services petition is filed by a
7 youth or parent pursuant to RCW 13.32A.150 or section 8 of this act,
8 the court shall immediately notify the department that a petition has
9 been filed.

10 (3) When a child in need of services petition is filed by the
11 department, and the court or the petitioning party knows or has
12 reason to know that an Indian child is involved, the provisions of
13 chapter 13.38 RCW apply.

14 (4) When a court schedules an emergency hearing under section 8
15 of this act, the court, juvenile detention, or juvenile probation
16 shall make diligent efforts to inform the department and the parent
17 or legal guardian of the emergency hearing. The notice may be given
18 by any means reasonably certain of notifying the parent or legal
19 guardian including, but not limited to: Written, including in an
20 electronic format; telephone; or in-person oral notification.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.32A.160 and 2020 c 312 s 724 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) When a proper child in need of services petition to approve
24 an out-of-home placement is filed under RCW 13.32A.120, 13.32A.140,
25 ~~((or))~~ 13.32A.150, or section 8 of this act, the juvenile court
26 shall: (a)(i) Schedule a fact-finding hearing to be held: (A) For a
27 child who resides in a place other than his or her parent's home and
28 other than an out-of-home placement, within five calendar days unless
29 the last calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which
30 case the hearing shall be held on the preceding judicial day; or (B)
31 for a child living at home or in an out-of-home placement, within
32 ~~((ten))~~ 10 days; and (ii) notify the parent, child, and the
33 department of such date; (b) notify the parent of the right to be
34 represented by counsel and, if indigent, to have counsel appointed
35 for him or her by the court; (c) appoint legal counsel for the child;
36 (d) inform the child and his or her parent of the legal consequences
37 of the court approving or disapproving a child in need of services
38 petition; (e) notify the parents of their rights under this chapter
39 and chapters 11.130, 13.34, and 71.34 RCW, including the right to

1 file an at-risk youth petition, and, except for petitions filed
2 pursuant to section 8 of this act, the right to submit an application
3 for admission of their child to a treatment facility for alcohol,
4 chemical dependency, or mental health treatment, and the right to
5 file a guardianship petition; and (f) notify all parties, including
6 the department, of their right to present evidence at the fact-
7 finding hearing.

8 (2) Upon filing of a child in need of services petition, the
9 child may be placed, if not already placed, by the department in a
10 crisis residential center, HOPE center, foster family home, group
11 home facility licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW, or any other suitable
12 residence to be determined by the department. The court may place a
13 child in a crisis residential center for a temporary out-of-home
14 placement as long as the requirements of RCW 13.32A.125 are met.

15 (3) If the child has been placed in a foster family home or group
16 care facility under chapter 74.15 RCW, the child shall remain there,
17 or in any other suitable residence as determined by the department,
18 pending resolution of the petition by the court. Any placement may be
19 reviewed by the court within three judicial days upon the request of
20 the juvenile or the juvenile's parent.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.32A.170 and 2000 c 123 s 20 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) The court shall hold a fact-finding hearing to consider a
24 proper child in need of services petition, giving due weight to the
25 intent of the legislature that families have the right to place
26 reasonable restrictions and rules upon their children, appropriate to
27 the individual child's developmental level. The court may appoint
28 legal counsel and/or a guardian ad litem to represent the child and
29 advise parents of their right to be represented by legal counsel. At
30 the commencement of the hearing, the court shall advise the parents
31 of their rights as set forth in RCW 13.32A.160(1). If the court
32 approves or denies a child in need of services petition, a written
33 statement of the reasons must be filed.

34 (2) The court may approve an order stating that the child shall
35 be placed in a residence other than the home of his or her parent
36 only if it is established by a preponderance of the evidence,
37 including a departmental recommendation for approval or dismissal of
38 the petition, that:

1 (a) The child is a child in need of services as defined in RCW
2 13.32A.030(5);

3 (b) If the petitioner is a child, he or she has made a reasonable
4 effort to resolve the conflict;

5 (c) Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the
6 need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it
7 possible for the child to return home; and

8 (d) A suitable out-of-home placement resource is available. This
9 subsection does not apply to a petition filed pursuant to section 8
10 of this act.

11 The court may not grant a petition filed by the child or the
12 department if it is established that the petition is based only upon
13 a dislike of reasonable rules or reasonable discipline established by
14 the parent.

15 The court may not grant the petition if the child is the subject
16 of a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

17 (3) Following the fact-finding hearing the court shall: (a)
18 Approve a child in need of services petition and, if appropriate,
19 enter a temporary out-of-home placement for a period not to exceed
20 (~~fourteen~~) 14 days pending approval of a disposition decision to be
21 made under RCW 13.32A.179(2); (b) approve an at-risk youth petition
22 filed by the parents and dismiss the child in need of services
23 petition; or (c) dismiss the petition.

24 At any time the court may order the department to review the case
25 to determine whether the case is appropriate for a dependency
26 petition under chapter 13.34 RCW.

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.32A.179 and 2000 c 123 s 21 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) A disposition hearing shall be held no later than
30 (~~fourteen~~) 14 days after the approval of the temporary out-of-home
31 placement. The parents, child, and department shall be notified by
32 the court of the time and place of the hearing.

33 (2) At the conclusion of the disposition hearing, the court may:
34 (a) Reunite the family and dismiss the petition; (b) approve an at-
35 risk youth petition filed by the parents and dismiss the child in
36 need of services petition; (c) approve an out-of-home placement
37 requested in the child in need of services petition by the parents;
38 or (d) order an out-of-home placement at the request of the child or
39 the department not to exceed (~~ninety~~) 90 days.

1 At any time the court may order the department to review the
2 matter for purposes of filing a dependency petition under chapter
3 13.34 RCW. Whether or not the court approves or orders an out-of-home
4 placement, the court may also order any conditions of supervision as
5 set forth in RCW 13.32A.196(3).

6 (3) The court may only enter an order under subsection (2)(d) of
7 this section if it finds by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence
8 that: (a)(i) The order is in the best interest of the family; (ii)
9 the parents have not requested an out-of-home placement; (iii) the
10 parents have not exercised any other right listed in RCW
11 13.32A.160(1)(e); (iv) the child has made reasonable efforts to
12 resolve the problems that led to the filing of the petition; (v) the
13 problems cannot be resolved by delivery of services to the family
14 during continued placement of the child in the parental home; (vi)
15 reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need
16 for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it
17 possible for the child to return home; and (vii) a suitable out-of-
18 home placement resource is available; (b)(i) the order is in the best
19 interest of the child; and (ii) the parents are unavailable; or (c)
20 the parent's actions cause an imminent threat to the child's health
21 or safety. (a)(vii) of this subsection (3) does not apply to
22 petitions filed pursuant to section 8 of this act.

23 (4) The court may order the department to submit a dispositional
24 plan if such a plan would assist the court in ordering a suitable
25 disposition in the case. The plan, if ordered, shall address the
26 needs of the child, and the perceived needs of the parents if the
27 order was entered under subsection (2)(d) of this section or if
28 specifically agreed to by the parents. If the parents do not agree or
29 the order was not entered under subsection (2)(d) of this section the
30 plan may only make recommendations regarding services in which the
31 parents may voluntarily participate. If the court orders the
32 department to prepare a plan, the department shall provide copies of
33 the plan to the parent, the child, and the court. If the parties or
34 the court desire the department to be involved in any future
35 proceedings or case plan development, the department shall be
36 provided with timely notification of all court hearings.

37 (5) A child who fails to comply with a court order issued under
38 this section shall be subject to contempt proceedings, as provided in
39 this chapter, but only if the noncompliance occurs within one year

1 after the entry of the order. This subsection does not apply to
2 petitions filed under section 8 of this act.

3 (6) (~~After~~) Except for petitions filed under section 8 of this
4 act, after the court approves or orders an out-of-home placement, the
5 parents or the department may request, and the court may grant,
6 dismissal of the child in need of services proceeding when it is not
7 feasible for the department to provide services due to one or more of
8 the following circumstances:

9 (a) The child has been absent from court approved placement for
10 (~~thirty~~) 30 consecutive days or more;

11 (b) The parents or the child, or all of them, refuse to cooperate
12 in available, appropriate intervention aimed at reunifying the
13 family; or

14 (c) The department has exhausted all available and appropriate
15 resources that would result in reunification.

16 (7) The court shall dismiss a placement made under subsection
17 (2)(c) of this section upon the request of the parents.

18 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.330.724 and 2022 c 137 s 4 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) Subject to the amounts appropriated for this specific
21 purpose, the office of homeless youth prevention and protection
22 programs shall select, monitor, and provide funding and assistance
23 (~~for a minimum of six total~~) statewide to counties that implement
24 housing stability for youth in crisis programs as described in this
25 section (~~for a period of three years~~).

26 (2) The housing stability for youth in crisis (~~pilot~~) programs
27 must include the following components:

28 (a) Regular trainings provided to all appropriate juvenile court
29 staff regarding risk factors and identifiers for youth homelessness;

30 (b) An identification and referral system used throughout the
31 juvenile court system where all appropriate court staff use routine
32 data flags to identify youth at risk for youth homelessness and refer
33 youth to the housing stability coordinator described under (c) of
34 this subsection;

35 (c) A dedicated housing stability coordinator in each
36 participating county that receives referrals, conducts housing
37 stability assessments with youth and caregivers, connects youth and
38 caregivers with relevant community providers based on assessments,
39 and follows up on referrals;

1 (d) A model of homelessness prevention services that provides the
2 appropriate amount of intervention based on the youth or family
3 needs; and

4 (e) Coordinated housing services for youth experiencing
5 homelessness.

6 (3) By October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, and in
7 compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the office of homeless youth
8 prevention and protection programs shall submit a report to the
9 relevant committees of the legislature and the governor that
10 includes:

11 (a) ~~((An))~~ In its initial report, an evaluation of the housing
12 stability for youth in crisis programs that includes outcome data for
13 participants;

14 (b) Recommendations for improving the housing stability for youth
15 in crisis programs; ~~((and))~~

16 ~~((Recommendation for expanding the housing stability for
17 youth in crisis programs.~~

18 ~~(4) This section expires July 1, 2026))~~ Outcome data for
19 participants; and

20 (d) Any other relevant information as determined by the office of
21 homeless youth prevention and protection programs.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) Prior to their release, a juvenile probation officer,
25 juvenile detention facility, or a juvenile in detention or in the
26 physical custody of the juvenile court may file a child in need of
27 services petition with the juvenile court for the court to approve an
28 out-of-home placement and wrap-around services if the juvenile
29 probation officer, juvenile detention facility, or juvenile has
30 reason to believe there will be no parent, legal guardian, or
31 responsible adult to whom the juvenile can be released when legal
32 jurisdiction to detain ends.

33 (2) The petition is to be filed in the county where the juvenile
34 is detained. The case shall be transferred to the county of the
35 juvenile's residence within seven days of the juvenile's release from
36 detention.

37 (3) If the juvenile may be released from detention or physical
38 custody of the court prior to the time of a scheduled fact-finding
39 hearing, the court shall schedule an emergency hearing to be held as

1 soon as possible and no later than the time that legal authority to
2 detain the juvenile ends. This hearing may be held ex parte if
3 necessary. If the court holds the hearing ex parte, the court must
4 make written findings explaining the reason the hearing was held ex
5 parte. Hearsay shall be admissible at the emergency hearing. At the
6 emergency hearing, if the court finds probable cause to believe there
7 is no parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult to whom the
8 juvenile can be released when legal jurisdiction to detain ends, the
9 court shall enter an emergency order releasing the juvenile to a
10 responsible adult identified by the petitioner and/or juvenile and
11 approved by the court or any other court-approved placement
12 identified by the petitioner and/or juvenile. However, if the court
13 does not approve of the responsible adult or placement identified by
14 the petitioner and/or juvenile the court shall order the department
15 to take the juvenile into custody pending the outcome of a fact-
16 finding hearing under RCW 13.32A.170. Diligent efforts must be made
17 by the court, juvenile detention facility, and/or juvenile probation
18 counselor to notify the parents or legal guardians of this emergency
19 hearing.

20 (4) Court staff, including a juvenile probation counselor, may
21 refer juveniles to the housing stability for youth in crisis
22 programs, as provided for in RCW 43.330.724, where they exist and
23 within existing resources to assist with housing stability by
24 collaborating with shelter providers, the department, juvenile court
25 staff, community partners, host homes, parents, guardians, kin, and
26 other identified supporters to prevent homelessness and ensure the
27 juvenile transitions to safe housing. Out-of-home placement
28 assistance may involve providing vouchers to juveniles or their
29 families/friends to address immediate needs and stabilize housing
30 including, but not limited to, transportation, vehicle repairs, and
31 acquiring essential furniture.

32 (5) A juvenile in detention or in the physical custody of the
33 juvenile court shall be assigned counsel by the court or referred to
34 an available civil legal aid law firm to assist with preparing,
35 filing of court documents, and advising them of their legal rights
36 related to housing and other supports.

37 (6) A petition may not be filed if the juvenile is the subject of
38 a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW.

39 (7) This section is intended to create another pathway for a
40 juvenile to be released to a responsible adult upon release from

1 detention. Nothing in this section discharges the department from its
2 obligation under RCW 13.40.050(7) to pick up a juvenile being
3 released from juvenile detention if no responsible and willing adult
4 is located to pick up the juvenile upon release from juvenile
5 detention.

6 **Sec. 9.** RCW 13.40.050 and 1997 c 338 s 15 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) When a juvenile taken into custody is held in detention:

9 (a) An information, a community supervision modification or
10 termination of diversion petition, or a parole modification petition
11 shall be filed within seventy-two hours, Saturdays, Sundays, and
12 holidays excluded, or the juvenile shall be released; and

13 (b) A detention hearing, a community supervision modification or
14 termination of diversion petition, or a parole modification petition
15 shall be held within seventy-two hours, Saturdays, Sundays, and
16 holidays excluded, from the time of filing the information or
17 petition, to determine whether continued detention is necessary under
18 RCW 13.40.040.

19 (2) Notice of the detention hearing, stating the time, place, and
20 purpose of the hearing, stating the right to counsel, and requiring
21 attendance shall be given to the parent, guardian, or custodian if
22 such person can be found and shall also be given to the juvenile if
23 over twelve years of age.

24 (3) At the commencement of the detention hearing, the court shall
25 advise the parties of their rights under this chapter and shall
26 appoint counsel as specified in this chapter.

27 (4) The court shall, based upon the allegations in the
28 information, determine whether the case is properly before it or
29 whether the case should be treated as a diversion case under RCW
30 13.40.080. If the case is not properly before the court the juvenile
31 shall be ordered released.

32 (5) Notwithstanding a determination that the case is properly
33 before the court and that probable cause exists, a juvenile shall at
34 the detention hearing be ordered released on the juvenile's personal
35 recognizance pending further hearing unless the court finds detention
36 is necessary under RCW 13.40.040.

37 (6) If detention is not necessary under RCW 13.40.040, the court
38 shall impose the most appropriate of the following conditions or, if
39 necessary, any combination of the following conditions:

1 (a) Place the juvenile in the custody of a designated person
2 agreeing to supervise such juvenile;

3 (b) Place restrictions on the travel of the juvenile during the
4 period of release;

5 (c) Require the juvenile to report regularly to and remain under
6 the supervision of the juvenile court;

7 (d) Impose any condition other than detention deemed reasonably
8 necessary to assure appearance as required;

9 (e) Require that the juvenile return to detention during
10 specified hours; or

11 (f) Require the juvenile to post a probation bond set by the
12 court under terms and conditions as provided in RCW 13.40.040(~~(+4)~~)
13 (5).

14 (7) A juvenile may be released only to a responsible adult or the
15 department. The department shall pick up a juvenile being released
16 from detention when a responsible adult willing and able to pick up
17 the juvenile has not been located by the time of release.

18 (8) If the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile in
19 detention is available, the court shall consult with them prior to a
20 determination to further detain or release the juvenile or treat the
21 case as a diversion case under RCW 13.40.080.

22 (9) A person notified under this section who fails without
23 reasonable cause to appear and abide by the order of the court may be
24 proceeded against as for contempt of court. In determining whether a
25 parent, guardian, or custodian had reasonable cause not to appear,
26 the court may consider all factors relevant to the person's ability
27 to appear as summoned.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 When a juvenile detention facility notifies the department that a
31 juvenile in detention reasonably believes they will be a child in
32 need of services upon release from detention pursuant to RCW
33 13.40.050, the department shall: (1) Screen in an intake and open a
34 case; (2) partner with the juvenile court and family to identify
35 needed and available resources to support the family in caring for
36 the youth; (3) conduct a shared planning meeting inviting both the
37 youth and defense attorney; (4) offer services to help locate family,
38 relatives, or kin; and (5) provide family reconciliation services,
39 including community-based family reconciliation services, to assist

1 the juvenile, family, or other responsible adult, as ordered by the
2 court, willing to support the juvenile to remedy issues that prevent
3 the juvenile from living with their family or other responsible
4 adults. The department may offer a temporary voluntary placement
5 agreement to last no more than 90 days when appropriate.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 13.32A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The partnership council on juvenile justice shall consider and
9 provide recommendations regarding the family reconciliation, child in
10 need of services, at-risk youth, and truancy systems in order to
11 develop recommendations to modernize this chapter and align its
12 intentions, goals, and services with other, newer chapters, including
13 chapter 43.330 RCW. The partnership council on juvenile justice is
14 authorized to consult with experts to study and gather research on
15 best practices regarding supports and services for family
16 reconciliation, at-risk youth, children in need of services, and
17 truancy, and to consult with relevant stakeholders regarding its
18 potential recommendations. Relevant stakeholders may include, but are
19 not limited to, the superior court judges association; Washington
20 association of juvenile court administrators; office of homeless
21 youth prevention and protection programs; office of the
22 superintendent of public instruction; community-based organizations
23 with expertise in unaccompanied youth, truancy professionals, and
24 youth shelter providers; law enforcement; prosecutors; public
25 defenders; incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth and young
26 adults; youth and young adults who have experienced homelessness;
27 parents who have experienced raising at-risk youth; chemical
28 dependency treatment providers; adolescent behavioral health
29 professionals; and the administrative office of the courts.

30 By October 31, 2026, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
31 partnership council on juvenile justice shall report to the governor
32 and appropriate committees of the legislature recommendations for
33 modernizing this chapter and other necessary steps to develop a
34 meaningful safety and support network to address the needs of
35 unaccompanied minors. Recommendations shall consider restorative
36 principles and best practices and shall be developed in consultation
37 with those who have been unaccompanied minors; have experienced
38 truancy, chemical dependency, or have been children in need of
39 services; and family members of youth who have experienced truancy or

1 at-risk behaviors. The partnership council on juvenile justice shall
2 provide recommendations for updating statutory language, identifying
3 gaps in the provision of services, recommending pathways to address
4 those gaps, recommending program implementation including, but not
5 limited to, structure and placement within state government; scope
6 and scale of funding including eligibility criteria; court processes
7 as needed; and coordination with the existing adolescent services.

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