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**By** Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Darneille, Frockt, Miloscia, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Chase, Pedersen, and Conway; by request of Governor Inslee)

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AN ACT Relating to homeless youth prevention and protection; 1 2 amending RCW 13.32A.042, 13.32A.044, 13.32A.050, 13.32A.090, 13.32A.095, 13.32A.130, 74.13.032, 74.13.033, 74.13.034, 74.15.220, 3 74.15.225, and 43.330.167; reenacting and amending RCW 43.185C.010, 4 13.32A.060, and 13.32A.065; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C 5 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new 6 section; and recodifying RCW 13.32A.042, 13.32A.044, 7 13.32A.050, 8 13.32A.060, 13.32A.065, 13.32A.070, 13.32A.090, 13.32A.095, 13.32A.130, 74.13.032, 74.13.0321, 74.13.033, 74.13.034, 74.15.220, 9 74.15.225, 74.15.260, and 74.15.270. 10

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

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. Creation of subchapter. Sections 3 through 13 9 of this act are each added to chapter 43.330 RCW and codified with 14 the subchapter heading of "homeless youth act."

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. Short title. This act may be known and 16 cited as the "homeless youth act."

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Definitions. The definitions in this 18 section apply throughout this subchapter unless the context clearly 19 requires otherwise. 1 (1) "Child," "juvenile," "youth," and "minor" means any 2 unemancipated individual who is under the chronological age of 3 eighteen years.

4 (2) "Homeless" means without a fixed, regular, and adequate 5 nighttime residence as set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento 6 homeless assistance act, P.L. 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482, 7 and runaway and homeless youth act, P.L. 93-415, Title III, September 8 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1129.

9 (3) "Homeless youth" means both youth and young adults actively 10 experiencing homelessness as well as those youth and young adults at 11 risk of homelessness.

12 (4) "Runaway" means an unmarried and unemancipated minor who is 13 absent from the home of a parent or guardian or other lawful 14 placement without the consent of the parent, guardian, or lawful 15 custodian.

16 (5) "Street youth" means a person under the age of eighteen who 17 lives outdoors or in another unsafe location not intended for 18 occupancy by the minor and who is not residing with his or her parent 19 or at his or her legally authorized residence.

20 (6) "Unaccompanied" means a youth or young adult experiencing 21 homelessness while not in the physical custody of a parent or 22 guardian.

(7) "Young adult" means a person between eighteen and twenty-fouryears of age.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Legislative findings. (1) The legislature 26 finds that every night thousands of homeless youth in Washington go 27 to sleep without the safety, stability, and support of a family or a home. These youth are exposed to an increased level of violence, 28 human trafficking, and exploitation resulting in a higher incidence 29 30 substance abuse, illness, and death. Prevention of youth of homelessness and protection of youth who are homeless is of key 31 concern to the state. 32

33 (2) Successfully addressing youth homelessness ensures that 34 homeless youth in our state have the support they need to thrive and 35 avoid justice system involvement, trafficking, long-term, avoidable 36 use of public benefits, and extended adult homelessness.

37 (3) Providing appropriate, relevant, and readily accessible38 services is critical for addressing one-time, episodic, or longer-

1 term homelessness among youth, and keeping youth safe, housed, and 2 connected to family.

(4) To successfully reduce and prevent youth homelessness, it is 3 the goal of the legislature to provide a safe and healthy place for 4 homeless youth to sleep each night while family reconciliation 5 б occurs. Furthermore, every family in crisis should have appropriate 7 support as they work to keep their children housed and safe. It is the goal of the legislature that every homeless youth discharged from 8 a public system of care in our state must not be discharged into 9 homelessness. 10

(5) It is the goal of the legislature that the office of homeless youth prevention programs house all homeless youth in Washington state within one year.

14 (6) In order to immediately provide a safe environment for 15 homeless youth or to reunify homeless youth with their families, or 16 start the dependency process, the legislature intends that it be the 17 responsibility of mandatory reporters to report homeless youth to law 18 enforcement or the department of social and health services.

19 (7) Furthermore, it is the goal of the legislature that all the 20 citizens of the state work together with law enforcement, public 21 employees, and youth service providers to eliminate youth 22 homelessness and increase family reunification by immediately picking 23 up all homeless or runaway youth.

24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. Creation of office of homeless youth 25 prevention programs. (1) There is created the office of homeless 26 youth prevention programs within the department.

(2) Activities of the office of homeless youth prevention
programs must be carried out by a director of the office of homeless
youth prevention programs, supervised by the secretary of the
department or his or her designee.

(3) The measurable goals of the office of homeless youth 31 prevention programs are to each year: (a) Reduce the number of new 32 33 homeless and runaway youth to zero in ten years by identifying programs that reduce the initial causes of homelessness, (b) decrease 34 35 the number of existing homeless youth, (c) measurably increase reconciliation rates with the homeless youth's parents or guardians 36 37 decreasing the length and repeat reoccurrences of by youth homelessness and family or guardian separation, and (d) decrease 38 youth homelessness to zero. 39

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1 (4) The office of homeless youth prevention programs is 2 responsible for leading planning and other state and local government 3 efforts under this subchapter to coordinate a spectrum of ongoing and 4 future funding, policy, and practice efforts related to the goals of 5 the office, while also ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of 6 homeless youth in this state.

(5) The office of homeless youth prevention programs shall (a) 7 gather data and outcome measures, including developing a 8 comprehensive plan for eliminating unaccompanied homeless youth, 9 similar to the plan required for homeless families under RCW 10 11 43.63A.650, (b) initiate data-sharing agreements, (c) develop 12 specific recommendations and timelines to address funding, policy, and practice gaps within the state system for addressing stable 13 transitional housing for homeless youth and preventing runaway youth 14 homelessness, (d) make reports, (e) increase system integration and 15 16 coordinate efforts to prevent state systems from discharging youth 17 into homelessness, (f) develop measures to include by county and 18 statewide the number of status of homeless youth, dependency status, housing, program, runaway status, and family reunification, and (g) 19 develop a public plan to encourage homeless youth identification and 20 21 promote family stability.

(6) The office of homeless youth prevention programs shall 22 regularly consult with an advisory committee composed of legislators, 23 24 law enforcement, parent advocates, service providers, and other 25 stakeholders knowledgeable in the provision of services to homeless 26 youth, including those knowledgeable in the prevention of youth homelessness, foster care, and family reunification. The advisory 27 committee shall provide guidance and recommendations to the office of 28 29 homeless youth prevention programs regarding funding, policy, and practice gaps within and among state programs. 30

31 (a) The advisory committee must be staffed by the department.

32 (b) The advisory committee must have its initial meeting no later33 than March 1, 2016.

34 (7) The office of homeless youth prevention programs must be 35 operational no later than January 1, 2016. Homeless youth services 36 and programs identified in section 4(2) of this act may occur before 37 this date.

38 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** Reporting and data gathering. (1) The 39 office of homeless youth programs shall identify data and outcomes

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measures from which to evaluate future public investment in homeless
 youth services.

3 (2) By December 1, 2016, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, 4 the office of homeless youth programs must submit a report to the 5 governor and the legislature to inform recommendations for funding, 6 policy, and best practices in the five priority service areas 7 identified in section 4 of this act and present recommendations to 8 address funding, policy, and practice gaps in the state system.

9 (3) Recommendations must include, but are not limited to: 10 Strategies to enhance coordination between providers of youth 11 homelessness programs and the child welfare system, and strategies 12 for communities to identify homeless youth and ensure their 13 protection and referral to appropriate services, including family 14 reconciliation and transition to dependent status for minors.

15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Authorization for administration of 16 services and funding through the office of homeless youth programs. 17 (1)(a) The office of homeless youth programs shall report to the 18 director or the director's designee.

(b)(i) The office of homeless youth programs may distribute grants to providers who serve homeless youth and young adults throughout the state.

(ii) The grants must fund services in the five priority serviceareas identified in section 4 of this act.

(iii) The grants must be expended on a statewide basis and may be
used to support direct services, as well as technical assistance,
evaluation, and capacity building.

27 (2) The office of homeless youth programs shall provide 28 management and oversight guidance and direction to the following 29 programs:

30 (a) HOPE centers as described in RCW 74.15.220 (as recodified by 31 this act);

32 (b) Crisis residential centers as described in RCW 74.13.032 (as 33 recodified by this act);

34 (c) Street youth services;

35 (d) Independent youth housing programs as described in RCW36 43.63A.305.

37 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. (1) The office of homeless youth programs 38 shall establish a statewide training program on homeless youth for

1 criminal justice personnel. The training must include identifying 2 homeless youth, existing laws governing the intersection of law 3 enforcement and homeless youth, and best practices for approaching 4 and engaging homeless youth in appropriate services.

5 (2) The training must be provided where possible by an entity 6 that has experience in developing coalitions, training, programs, and 7 policy on homeless youth in Washington.

Sec. 9. The joint legislative audit and review 8 NEW SECTION. 9 committee shall conduct a review of state-funded programs that serve 10 unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of eighteen, including 11 dependent youth, to determine what performance measures exist, what statutory reporting requirements exist, and whether there is reliable 12 data on ages of youth served, length of stay, and effectiveness of 13 program exit and reentry. Where statutory reporting requirements do 14 15 exist, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall review 16 programs' compliance with relevant statutory the reporting 17 requirements. The committee shall report on what services are 18 provided to unaccompanied homeless youth including, but not limited to: Outreach and other nonshelter services, shelter services, and 19 20 family reconciliation. The committee is also to report on the number 21 of unaccompanied homeless youth statewide and by county and city and how this number is determined. The programs reviewed may include, but 22 are not limited to, HOPE centers as described in RCW 74.15.220 (as 23 24 recodified by this act) and crisis residential centers as described 25 in RCW 74.13.032 (as recodified by this act).

26 Sec. 10. RCW 43.185C.010 and 2009 c 565 s 40 are each reenacted 27 and amended to read as follows:

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

30 (1) <u>"Administrator" means the individual who has the daily</u>
 31 <u>administrative responsibility of a crisis residential center.</u>

32 (2) "Child in need of services petition" means a petition filed 33 in juvenile court by a parent, child, or the department seeking 34 adjudication of placement of the child.

35 <u>(3)</u> "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public 36 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

37 (((<del>2)</del>)) (4) "Crisis residential center" means a secure or semi-38 secure facility established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

2 (((3))) <u>(6)</u> "Director" means the director of the department of 3 commerce.

4 (((4))) (7) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury 5 account receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the 6 sources established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other 7 sources directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.

8 (((5))) (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by 9 which competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing 10 moneys from the home security fund account, to local governments for 11 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and 12 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing 13 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other 14 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.

15 (((-6))) (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan 16 developed by the county or other local government to address housing 17 for homeless persons.

18 ((<del>(7)</del>)) <u>(10)</u> "Homeless housing program" means the program 19 authorized under this chapter as administered by the department at 20 the state level and by the local government or its designated 21 subcontractor at the local level.

(((+8))) (11) "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year plan developed by the department, in consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board.

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

((((10))) (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the 33 secretary to provide temporary residential placement and other 34 services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center 35 36 for thirty days while services are arranged and permanent placement is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than thirty days 37 unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by 38 39 the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her 40

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1 returned to home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent 2 arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must 3 have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a 4 HOPE center up to thirty days.

5 (14) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations 6 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

7 (((11))) (15) "Housing continuum" means the progression of 8 individuals along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at 9 one end and homeownership at the other.

10 (((12))) (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a 11 committee appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, 12 policy level representatives of the following entities: (a) The 13 department of commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the 14 department of social and health services; (d) the department of 15 veterans affairs; and (e) the department of health.

16 (((13))) (17) "Local government" means a county government in the 17 state of Washington or a city government, if the legislative 18 authority of the city affirmatively elects to accept the 19 responsibility for housing homeless persons within its borders.

(((14))) (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a 20 21 voluntary local committee created to advise a local government on the 22 creation of a local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless housing program. It must include a representative of the 23 24 county, a representative of the largest city located within the 25 county, at least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other 26 members as may be required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and services and if feasible, a 27 28 representative of a private nonprofit organization with experience in 29 low-income housing.

30 ((<del>(15)</del>)) <u>(19)</u> "Long-term private or public housing" means 31 subsidized and unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which 32 there is no established time limit for habitation of less than two 33 years.

34 ((<del>(16)</del>)) <u>(20)</u> "Performance measurement" means the process of 35 comparing specific measures of success against ultimate and interim 36 goals.

37 (((17))) (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential 38 center, or portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, 39 or a secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from 40 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

1 (22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family 2 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed 3 there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the 4 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable 5 6 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no 7 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night. To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility 8 administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving 9 10 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to 11 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any 12 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable 13 14 time of his or her return to the center.

15 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care 16 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and 17 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to 18 every two children.

19 <u>(24)</u> "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide 20 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities, 21 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the 22 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and 23 collect data on all homeless individuals in Washington.

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

30 **Sec. 11.** RCW 13.32A.042 and 2000 c 123 s 4 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

32 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may 33 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and 34 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the 35 child's parent.

36 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a 37 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or 38 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the 39 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

1 (c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the 2 team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed 3 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not 4 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The 5 б court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth 7 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the 8 parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home 9 10 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3).

11 (2) The ((secretary)) administrator shall request participation 12 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and 13 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those 14 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the secretary all 15 information necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team 16 and the ((secretary)) administrator shall provide this information to 17 the administrator of each crisis residential center.

18 (3) ((The secretary shall designate within each region a 19 department employee who shall have responsibility for coordination of the state response to a request for creation of a multidisciplinary 20 21 team. The secretary shall advise the administrator of each crisis residential center of the name of the appropriate employee. Upon a 22 request of the administrator to form a multidisciplinary team the 23 employee shall provide a list of the agencies that have agreed to 24 25 participate in the multidisciplinary team.

26 (4))) The administrator shall also seek participation from 27 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment 28 providers as appropriate.

(((5))) (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a 29 multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the 30 31 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or 32 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law 33 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed care practitioners, social service providers, 34 health youth 35 residential placement providers, other family members, church representatives, and members of 36 their own community. The administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of 37 38 persons requested by the parent or child.

1 (((<del>6)</del>)) <u>(5)</u> When an administrator of a crisis residential center 2 requests the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as 3 soon as possible.

4 Sec. 12. RCW 13.32A.044 and 2000 c 123 s 5 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) The purpose of the multidisciplinary team is to assist in a 7 coordinated referral of the family to available social and health-8 related services.

9 (2) The team shall have the authority to evaluate the juvenile, 10 and family members, if appropriate and agreed to by the parent, and 11 shall:

(a) With parental input, develop a plan of appropriate availableservices and assist the family in obtaining those services;

14 (b) Make a referral to the designated chemical dependency 15 specialist or the county designated mental health professional, if 16 appropriate;

17 (c) Recommend no further intervention because the juvenile and 18 his or her family have resolved the problem causing the family 19 conflict; or

20 (d) With the parent's consent, work with them to achieve 21 reconciliation of the child and family.

(3) At the first meeting of the multidisciplinary team, it shall choose a member to coordinate the team's efforts. The parent member of the multidisciplinary team must agree with the choice of coordinator. The team shall meet or communicate as often as necessary to assist the family.

(4) The coordinator of the multidisciplinary team may assist in filing a child in need of services petition when requested by the parent or child or an at-risk youth petition when requested by the parent. The multidisciplinary team shall have no standing as a party in any action under this title.

(5) If the administrator is unable to contact the child's parent, the multidisciplinary team may be used for assistance. If the parent has not been contacted within five days the administrator shall contact the department <u>of social and health services</u> and request the case be reviewed for a dependency filing under chapter 13.34 RCW.

37 **Sec. 13.** RCW 13.32A.050 and 2000 c 123 s 6 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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

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

5 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering 6 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is 7 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or 8 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

9 (c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child 10 has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away 11 from placement; or

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

(2) Law enforcement custody shall not extend beyond the amount of 18 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination 19 20 authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law 21 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity 22 under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is 23 24 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person, 25 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept 26 custody.

(3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody 27 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and 28 29 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the 30 31 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the 32 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's 33 34 report.

35 (4) If the law enforcement officer who initially takes the 36 juvenile into custody or the staff of the crisis residential center 37 have reasonable cause to believe that the child is absent from home 38 because he or she is abused or neglected, a report shall be made 39 immediately to the department <u>of social and health services</u>.

1 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any 2 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of 3 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

(6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that
a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080,
the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person
harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the
locations specified in RCW 13.32A.060 (as recodified by this act).

9 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as 10 provided in this chapter.

11 **Sec. 14.** RCW 13.32A.060 and 2000 c 162 s 11 and 2000 c 123 s 7 12 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

13 (1) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 14 13.32A.050(1) (a) or (b) <u>(as recodified by this act)</u> shall inform the 15 child of the reason for such custody and shall:

(a) Transport the child to his or her home or to a parent at his 16 or her place of employment, if no parent is at home. The parent may 17 request that the officer take the child to the home of an adult 18 extended family member, responsible adult, crisis residential center, 19 20 the department of social and health services, or a licensed youth shelter. In responding to the request of the parent, the officer 21 shall take the child to a requested place which, in the officer's 22 23 belief, is within a reasonable distance of the parent's home. The 24 officer releasing a child into the custody of a parent, an adult 25 extended family member, responsible adult, or a licensed youth shelter shall inform the person receiving the child of the reason for 26 27 taking the child into custody and inform all parties of the nature and location of appropriate services available in the community; or 28

(b) After attempting to notify the parent, take the child to a designated crisis residential center's secure facility or a center's semi-secure facility if a secure facility is full, not available, or not located within a reasonable distance if:

(i) The child expresses fear or distress at the prospect of being returned to his or her home which leads the officer to believe there is a possibility that the child is experiencing some type of abuse or neglect;

(ii) It is not practical to transport the child to his or herhome or place of the parent's employment; or

1 (iii) There is no parent available to accept custody of the 2 child; or

(c) After attempting to notify the parent, if a crisis 3 residential center is full, not available, or not located within a 4 reasonable distance, request the department of social and health 5 б services to accept custody of the child. If the department of social 7 and health services determines that an appropriate placement is currently available, the department of social and health services 8 shall accept custody and place the child in an out-of-home placement. 9 Upon accepting custody of a child from the officer, the department of 10 11 social and health services may place the child in an out-of-home 12 placement for up to seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, without filing a child in need of services petition, 13 14 obtaining parental consent, or obtaining an order for placement under chapter 13.34 RCW. Upon transferring a child to the department((-s)) 15 16 of social and health services' custody, the officer shall provide 17 written documentation of the reasons and the statutory basis for taking the child into custody. If the department of social and health 18 19 services declines to accept custody of the child, the officer may release the child after attempting to take the child to the 20 following, in the order listed: The home of an adult extended family 21 member; a responsible adult; or a licensed youth shelter. The officer 22 shall immediately notify the department of social and health services 23 if no placement option is available and the child is released. 24

25 (2) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1) (c) or (d) (as recodified by this act) shall inform the 26 child of the reason for custody. An officer taking a child into 27 custody under RCW 13.32A.050(1)(c) (as recodified by this act) may 28 29 release the child to the supervising agency, or shall take the child to a designated crisis residential center's secure facility. If the 30 31 secure facility is not available, not located within a reasonable distance, or full, the officer shall take the child to a semi-secure 32 crisis residential center. An officer taking a child into custody 33 under RCW 13.32A.050(1)(d) (as recodified by this act) may place the 34 child in a juvenile detention facility as provided in RCW 13.32A.065 35 36 (as recodified by this act) or a secure facility, except that the child shall be taken to detention whenever the officer has been 37 notified that a juvenile court has entered a detention order under 38 39 this chapter or chapter 13.34 RCW.

1 (3) Every officer taking a child into custody shall provide the 2 child and his or her parent or parents or responsible adult with a 3 copy of the statement specified in RCW 13.32A.130(6) (as recodified 4 by this act).

(4) Whenever an officer transfers custody of a child to a crisis 5 6 residential center or the department of social and health services, 7 the child may reside in the crisis residential center or may be placed by the department of social and health services in an out-of-8 9 home placement for an aggregate total period of time not to exceed seventy-two hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. 10 11 Thereafter, the child may continue in out-of-home placement only if the parents have consented, a child in need of services petition has 12 13 been filed, or an order for placement has been entered under chapter 14 13.34 RCW.

15 (5) The department <u>of social and health services</u> shall ensure 16 that all law enforcement authorities are informed on a regular basis 17 as to the location of all designated secure and semi-secure 18 facilities within centers in their jurisdiction, where children taken 19 into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 <u>(as recodified by this act)</u> may be 20 taken.

21 **Sec. 15.** RCW 13.32A.065 and 2000 c 162 s 12 and 2000 c 123 s 8 22 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) A child may be placed in detention after being taken into
custody pursuant to RCW 13.32A.050(1)(d) (as recodified by this act).
The court shall hold a detention review hearing within twenty-four
hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The court shall
release the child after twenty-four hours, excluding Saturdays,
Sundays, and holidays, unless:

(a) A motion and order to show why the child should not be held
 in contempt has been filed and served on the child at or before the
 detention hearing; and

32 (b) The court believes that the child would not appear at a 33 hearing on contempt.

(2) If the court orders the child to remain in detention, the
 court shall set the matter for a hearing on contempt within seventy two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

37 **Sec. 16.** RCW 13.32A.090 and 2000 c 123 s 11 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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

4 (a) Upon admitting a child who has been brought to the center by
5 a law enforcement officer under RCW 13.32A.060 (as recodified by this
6 act);

7 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has 8 requested admittance to the center;

9 (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.082 that the 10 person is providing shelter to a child absent from home; or

(d) Upon learning that a child has been placed with a responsible
 adult pursuant to RCW 13.32A.060 (as recodified by this act).

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

17 (3) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this 18 section are present, the administrator of a center ((<del>or the</del> 19 <del>department</del>)) shall perform the following duties:

20 (a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's 21 whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances 22 surrounding his or her placement;

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

(c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(((12))) (1) governing child abuse and neglect in this state; and either

32 (d)(i) Arrange transportation for the child to the residence of 33 the parent, as soon as practicable, when the child and his or her 34 parent agrees to the child's return home or when the parent produces 35 a copy of a court order entered under this chapter requiring the 36 child to reside in the parent's home; or

(ii) Arrange transportation for the child to: (((i) [(A)])) (A)
An out-of-home placement which may include a licensed group care
facility or foster family when agreed to by the child and parent; or

1 ((<del>(ii) [(B)]</del>)) <u>(B)</u> a certified or licensed mental health or chemical 2 dependency program of the parent's choice.

3 (4) If the administrator of the crisis residential center 4 performs the duties listed in subsection (3) of this section, he or 5 she shall also notify the department <u>of social and health services</u> 6 that a child has been admitted to the crisis residential center.

7 **Sec. 17.** RCW 13.32A.095 and 2000 c 123 s 12 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify 10 parents, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and the department 11 <u>of social and health services</u> immediately as to any unauthorized 12 leave from the center by a child placed at the center.

13 Sec. 18. RCW 13.32A.130 and 2009 c 569 s 1 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

15 (1) A child admitted to a secure facility located in a juvenile detention center shall remain in the facility for at least twenty-16 four hours after admission but for not more than five consecutive 17 days. A child admitted to a secure facility not located in a juvenile 18 19 detention center or a semi-secure facility may remain for not more than fifteen consecutive days. If a child is transferred between a 20 secure and semi-secure facility, the aggregate length of time a child 21 may remain in both facilities shall not exceed fifteen consecutive 22 23 days per admission, and in no event may a child's stay in a secure 24 facility located in a juvenile detention center exceed five days per admission. 25

26 (2)(a)(i) The facility administrator shall determine within twenty-four hours after a child's admission to a secure facility 27 whether the child is likely to remain in a semi-secure facility and 28 29 may transfer the child to a semi-secure facility or release the child to the department of social and health services. The determination 30 shall be based on: (A) The need for continued assessment, protection, 31 and treatment of the child in a secure facility; and (B) the 32 likelihood the child would remain at a semi-secure facility until his 33 34 or her parents can take the child home or a petition can be filed under this title. 35

36 (ii) In making the determination the administrator shall consider 37 the following information if known: (A) The child's age and maturity; 38 (B) the child's condition upon arrival at the center; (C) the circumstances that led to the child's being taken to the center; (D)
whether the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare
of the child or any other person; (E) the child's history of running
away; and (F) the child's willingness to cooperate in the assessment.

(b) If the administrator of a secure facility determines the 5 6 child is unlikely to remain in a semi-secure facility, the administrator shall keep the child in the secure facility pursuant to 7 this chapter and in order to provide for space for the child may 8 transfer another child who has been in the facility for at least 9 seventy-two hours to a semi-secure facility. The administrator shall 10 11 only make a transfer of a child after determining that the child who 12 may be transferred is likely to remain at the semi-secure facility.

13 (c) A crisis residential center administrator is authorized to 14 transfer a child to a crisis residential center in the area where the 15 child's parents reside or where the child's lawfully prescribed 16 residence is located.

(d) An administrator may transfer a child from a semi-secure facility to a secure facility whenever he or she reasonably believes that the child is likely to leave the semi-secure facility and not return and after full consideration of all factors in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection.

(3) If no parent is available or willing to remove the child during the first seventy-two hours following admission, the department <u>of social and health services</u> shall consider the filing of a petition under RCW 13.32A.140.

26 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the parents may remove the child at any time unless the 27 staff of the crisis residential center has reasonable cause to 28 believe that the child is absent from the home because he or she is 29 abused or neglected or if allegations of abuse or neglect have been 30 31 made against the parents. The department of social and health 32 services or any agency legally charged with the supervision of a child may remove a child from a crisis residential center at any time 33 after the first twenty-four-hour period after admission has elapsed 34 and only after full consideration by all parties of the factors in 35 36 subsection (2)(a) of this section.

37 (5) Crisis residential center staff shall make reasonable efforts 38 to protect the child and achieve a reconciliation of the family. If a 39 reconciliation and voluntary return of the child has not been 40 achieved within forty-eight hours from the time of admission, and if

1 the administrator of the center does not consider it likely that reconciliation will be achieved within five days of the child's 2 admission to the center, then the administrator shall inform the 3 parent and child of: (a) The availability of counseling services; (b) 4 the right to file a child in need of services petition for an out-of-5 б home placement, the right of a parent to file an at-risk youth petition, and the right of the parent and child to obtain assistance 7 in filing the petition; (c) the right to request the facility 8 administrator or his or her designee to form a multidisciplinary 9 team; (d) the right to request a review of any out-of-home placement; 10 11 (e) the right to request a mental health or chemical dependency 12 evaluation by a county-designated professional or a private treatment facility; and (f) the right to request treatment in a program to 13 address the child's at-risk behavior under RCW 13.32A.197. 14

15 (6) At no time shall information regarding a parent's or child's 16 rights be withheld. The department shall develop and distribute to 17 all law enforcement agencies and to each crisis residential center 18 administrator a written statement delineating the services and 19 rights. The administrator of the facility or his or her designee 20 shall provide every resident and parent with a copy of the statement.

(7) A crisis residential center and any person employed at the center acting in good faith in carrying out the provisions of this section are immune from criminal or civil liability for such actions.

24 **Sec. 19.** RCW 74.13.032 and 2011 c 240 s 1 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

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

33 (2) <u>Crisis residential centers must record client information</u> 34 <u>into a homeless management information system specified by the</u> 35 <u>department.</u>

36 <u>(3)</u> Within available funds appropriated for this purpose, the 37 department shall establish, through performance-based contracts with 38 private or public vendors, regional crisis residential centers with 39 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed

1 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include 2 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to 3 subsection (1) of this section.

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

(((4))) (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting 8 entities to include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis 9 residential centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers 10 11 pursuant to RCW 74.15.220 (as recodified by this act) in the same 12 building or structure. The department shall permit the colocation of these centers only if the entity operating the facility agrees to 13 designate a particular number of beds to each type of center that is 14 located within the building or structure. 15

16 (((5))) (6) The staff at the facilities established under this 17 section shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel juveniles admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, 18 and structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support 19 and the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their 20 21 families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 (as recodified by this act). ((The responsibilities stated in RCW 22 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers, be carried out by the 23 24 department.

25 (6))) (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential 26 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW 27 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one 28 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall 29 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

30 ((<del>(7)</del>)) <u>(8)</u> If a secure crisis residential center is located in 31 or adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall 32 be operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the 33 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

34 **Sec. 20.** RCW 74.13.033 and 2009 c 569 s 3 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

36 (1) If a resident of a crisis residential center becomes by his 37 or her behavior disruptive to the facility's program, such resident 38 may be immediately removed to a separate area within the facility and 39 counseled on an individual basis until such time as the child regains his or her composure. The department may set rules and regulations
 establishing additional procedures for dealing with severely
 disruptive children on the premises.

4 (2) When the juvenile resides in this facility, all services 5 deemed necessary to the juvenile's reentry to normal family life 6 shall be made available to the juvenile as required by chapter 13.32A 7 RCW. In assessing the child and providing these services, the 8 facility staff shall:

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(a) Interview the juvenile as soon as possible;

10 (b) Contact the juvenile's parents and arrange for a counseling 11 interview with the juvenile and his or her parents as soon as 12 possible;

13 (c) Conduct counseling interviews with the juvenile and his or 14 her parents, to the end that resolution of the child/parent conflict 15 is attained and the child is returned home as soon as possible;

16 (d) Provide additional crisis counseling as needed, to the end 17 that placement of the child in the crisis residential center will be 18 required for the shortest time possible, but not to exceed fifteen 19 consecutive days; and

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(e) Convene, when appropriate, a multidisciplinary team.

(3) Based on the assessments done under subsection (2) of this 21 22 section the center staff may refer any child who, as the result of a mental or emotional disorder, or intoxication by alcohol or other 23 drugs, is suicidal, seriously assaultive, or seriously destructive 24 25 toward others, or otherwise similarly evidences an immediate need for 26 emergency medical evaluation and possible care, for evaluation pursuant to chapter 71.34 RCW, to a mental health professional 27 28 pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW, or to a chemical dependency specialist pursuant to chapter 70.96A RCW whenever such action is deemed 29 appropriate and consistent with law. 30

31 (4) A juvenile taking unauthorized leave from a facility shall be 32 apprehended and returned to it by law enforcement officers or other persons designated as having this authority as provided in RCW 33 13.32A.050 (as recodified by this act). If returned to the facility 34 after having taken unauthorized leave for a period of more than 35 twenty-four hours a juvenile shall be supervised by such a facility 36 for a period, pursuant to this chapter, which, unless where otherwise 37 provided, may not exceed fifteen consecutive days. Costs of housing 38 39 juveniles admitted to crisis residential centers shall be assumed by 40 the department for a period not to exceed fifteen consecutive days.

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1 **Sec. 21.** RCW 74.13.034 and 2009 c 569 s 4 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential center established pursuant to RCW 74.13.032 (as recodified by this 4 <u>act)</u> may, if the center is unable to provide appropriate treatment, 5 б supervision, and structure to the child, be taken at department 7 expense to another crisis residential center, the nearest regional secure crisis residential center, or a secure facility with which it 8 is collocated under RCW 74.13.032 (as recodified by this act). 9 Placement in both locations shall not exceed fifteen consecutive days 10 11 from the point of intake as provided in RCW 13.32A.130 (as recodified 12 by this act).

(2) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential 13 14 center established by this chapter may be placed physically by the department ((or the department's)) of social and health services' 15 designee and, at their departmental expense and approval, in a secure 16 17 juvenile detention facility operated by the county in which the 18 center is located for a maximum of forty-eight hours, including 19 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if the child has taken unauthorized leave from the center and the person in charge of the center 20 21 determines that the center cannot provide supervision and structure adequate to ensure that the child will not again take unauthorized 22 leave. Juveniles placed in such a facility pursuant to this section 23 may not, to the extent possible, come in contact with alleged or 24 25 convicted juvenile or adult offenders.

26 (3) Any child placed in secure detention pursuant to this section shall, during the period of confinement, be provided with appropriate 27 28 treatment by the department of social and health services or the department's designee, which shall include the services defined in 29 RCW 74.13.033(2) (as recodified by this act). If the child placed in 30 31 secure detention is not returned home or if an alternative living 32 arrangement agreeable to the parent and the child is not made within 33 twenty-four hours after the child's admission, the child shall be taken at the department's expense to a crisis residential center. 34 Placement in the crisis residential center or centers plus placement 35 36 in juvenile detention shall not exceed five consecutive days from the point of intake as provided in RCW 13.32A.130 (as recodified by this 37 38 act).

39 (4) Juvenile detention facilities used pursuant to this section40 shall first be certified by the department <u>of social and health</u>

1 <u>services</u> to ensure that juveniles placed in the facility pursuant to 2 this section are provided with living conditions suitable to the 3 well-being of the child. Where space is available, juvenile courts, 4 when certified by the department <u>of social and health services</u> to do 5 so, shall provide secure placement for juveniles pursuant to this 6 section, at department expense.

7 **Sec. 22.** RCW 74.15.220 and 2011 c 240 s 2 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 The ((secretary)) department shall establish HOPE centers that 10 provide no more than seventy-five beds across the state and may 11 establish HOPE centers by contract, within funds appropriated by the legislature specifically for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be 12 13 operated in a manner to reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not run away. Street youth may leave a HOPE center during 14 15 course of the day to attend school or other necessary the 16 appointments, but the street youth must be accompanied by an 17 administrator or an administrator's designee. The street youth must provide the administration with specific information regarding his or 18 her destination and expected time of return to the HOPE center. Any 19 20 street youth who runs away from a HOPE center shall not be readmitted unless specifically authorized by the street youth's placement and 21 liaison specialist, and the placement and liaison specialist shall 22 23 document with specific factual findings an appropriate basis for 24 readmitting any street youth to a HOPE center. HOPE centers are 25 required to have the following:

26 (1) A license issued by the ((secretary)) department of social 27 and health services;

28 (2) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or related field and at least one year of experience working 29 30 with street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a related field and five years of experience working with street youth. 31 This professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time 32 employee, but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE 33 center at a ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE 34 35 center. This professional shall be known as a placement and liaison specialist. Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-36 credentialed in mental health and chemical dependency. The placement 37 38 and liaison specialist shall:

(a) Conduct an assessment of the street youth that includes a
 determination of the street youth's legal status regarding
 residential placement;

(b) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally 4 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate 5 б processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW 7 13.34.030 must be referred to the department of social and health 8 The department of social and health services 9 services. shall determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter 10 11 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two 12 hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department of social and health services determines is appropriate for out-of-13 home placement under chapter 13.34 RCW. All of the provisions of 14 chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for children in need of services 15 16 or at-risk youth;

17 (c) Interface with other relevant resources and system 18 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other 19 needed services for the street youth;

(d) Be assigned immediately to each youth and meet with the youth
within eight hours of the youth receiving HOPE center services;

(e) Facilitate a physical examination of any street youth who has not seen a physician within one year prior to residence at a HOPE center and facilitate evaluation by a county-designated mental health professional, a chemical dependency specialist, or both if appropriate; and

(f) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street
youth's competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics,
and that will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

(3) Staff trained in development needs of street youth 30 as 31 determined by the ((<del>secretary</del>)) <u>department</u>, including an 32 administrator who is a professional with a master's degree in counseling, social work, or a related field and at least one year of 33 experience working with street youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in 34 social work or a related field and five years of experience working 35 36 with street youth, who must work with the placement and liaison specialist to provide appropriate services on site; 37

38 (4) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the 39 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be 40 used for future program development and service delivery. Data

collection systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols
 developed by the ((secretary)) department;

Notification requirements that meet the notification 3 (5) requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time 4 must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must 5 б immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a 7 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff 8 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE 9 center and not return after full consideration of the factors set 10 forth in RCW 13.32A.130(2)(a) (i) and (ii) (as recodified by this 11 12 <u>act</u>). The street youth's temporary placement in the HOPE center must be authorized by the court or the secretary of the department of 13 social and health services if the youth is a dependent of the state 14 under chapter 13.34 RCW or the department of social and health 15 16 services is responsible for the youth under chapter 13.32A RCW, or by 17 the youth's parent or legal custodian, until such time as the parent 18 can retrieve the youth who is returning to home;

(6) HOPE centers must identify to the department of social and 19 health services any street youth it serves who is not returning 20 21 promptly to home. The department of social and health services then must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in 22 chapter 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report 23 that the youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent 24 25 should receive notice from the department of social and health 26 services;

(7) Services that provide counseling and education to the streetyouth; and

(8) The department shall award contracts for the operation of HOPE center beds ((and responsible living skills programs)) with the goal of facilitating the coordination of services provided for youth by such programs and those services provided by secure and semisecure crisis residential centers.

34 **Sec. 23.** RCW 74.15.225 and 2008 c 267 s 10 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

To be eligible for placement in a HOPE center, a minor must be either a street youth, as that term is defined in this chapter, or a youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to participate in increasingly risky behavior. Youth may also self-refer 1 to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed is not contingent upon prior approval by the department; however, approval from the 2 department of social and health services is needed if the youth is 3 dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW. 4

5 Sec. 24. RCW 43.330.167 and 2009 c 565 s 9 are each amended to read as follows: 6

7 (1)(a) There is created in the custody of the state treasurer an account to be known as the ((homeless)) <u>Washington youth and</u> families 8 ((services)) fund. Revenues to the fund consist of ((a one-time)) 9 appropriations by the legislature, private contributions, and all 10 11 other sources deposited in the fund.

(b) Expenditures from the fund may only be used for the purposes 12 13 of the program established in this section, including administrative expenses. Only the director of the department of commerce, or the 14 15 director's designee, may authorize expenditures.

16 (c) Expenditures from the fund are exempt from appropriations and 17 the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW. However, money used for program administration by the department is subject to the 18 allotment and budgetary controls of chapter 43.88 RCW, 19 and an 20 appropriation is required for these expenditures.

(2) The department may expend moneys from the fund to provide 21 state matching funds for housing-based supportive services for 22 homeless youth and families ((over a period of at least ten years)). 23

24 (3) Activities eligible for funding through the fund include, but are not limited to, the following: 25

26 (a) Case management;

27 (b) Counseling;

28 (c) Referrals to employment support and job training services and direct employment support and job training services; 29

- 30 (d) Domestic violence services and programs;
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(e) Mental health treatment, services, and programs;

(f) Substance abuse treatment, services, and programs; 32

(g) Parenting skills education and training; 33

(h) Transportation assistance; 34

(i) Child care; and 35

(j) Other supportive services identified by the department to be 36 37 an important link for housing stability.

38 (4) Organizations that may receive funds from the fund include local housing authorities, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based 39

organizations, public development authorities, federally recognized
 Indian tribes in the state, and regional or statewide nonprofit
 housing assistance organizations.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 25. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
RCW to read as follows:

6 Home security fund account funds appropriated to carry out the 7 activities of sections 1 through 8 and 10 through 24 of this act are 8 not subject to the set aside under RCW 36.22.179(1)(b).

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 26. If any provision of this act or its 10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the 11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 12 persons or circumstances is not affected.

13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 27. RCW 13.32A.042, 13.32A.044, 13.32A.050, 14 13.32A.060, 13.32A.065, 13.32A.070, 13.32A.090, 13.32A.095, 15 13.32A.130, 74.13.032, 74.13.0321, 74.13.033, 74.13.034, 74.15.220, 16 74.15.225, 74.15.260, and 74.15.270 are each recodified as sections 17 in chapter 43.185C RCW.

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