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AN ACT Relating to homeless youth prevention and protection; 1 2 13.32A.042, 13.32A.044, 13.32A.050, amending RCW 13.32A.090, 3 13.32A.095, 13.32A.130, 74.13.032, 74.13.033, 74.13.034, 74.15.220, 74.15.225, and 43.330.167; reenacting and amending RCW 43.185C.010, 4 5 13.32A.060, and 13.32A.065; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C 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 7 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 finds that every night, thousands of homeless youth in Washington go 26 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 of substance abuse, illness, and death. Prevention of youth 31 homelessness and protection of youth who are homeless is of key concern to the state. 32

33 (2) Successfully addressing youth homelessness ensures that 34 homeless youth and young adults in our state have the support they 35 need to thrive and avoid justice system involvement, trafficking, 36 long-term, avoidable use of public benefits, and extended adult 37 homelessness.

38 (3) Providing appropriate, relevant, and readily accessible39 services is critical for addressing one-time, episodic, or longer-

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

3 (4) To successfully reduce and prevent youth and young adult
4 homelessness, it is the goal of the legislature to have the following
5 key components available and accessible:

6 (a) Stable housing: Every homeless youth and young adult in our state should have a safe place to sleep each night. Every homeless 7 youth and young adult in our state deserves access to housing that 8 gives them a safe, healthy, and supported launching pad to adulthood. 9 Every family in crisis should have appropriate support as they work 10 to keep their children housed and safe. It is the goal of the 11 12 legislature that every homeless youth discharged from a public system of care in our state will not be discharged into homelessness. 13

(b) Education and employment: Every homeless youth and young 14 adult in our state deserves the opportunity and support they need to 15 16 complete their high school education and pursue additional education 17 and training. It is the goal of the legislature that every homeless 18 youth and young adult in our state will have the opportunity to 19 engage in employment training and be able to access employment. With both education and employment support and opportunities, youth and 20 21 young adults will have the skills they need to become selfsufficient, self-reliant, and independent. 22

(c) Permanent connections: Every homeless youth and young adult should have positive, healthy relationships with adults, including family members, employers, landlords, teachers, and community members, with whom they can maintain connections and from whom they can receive ongoing, long-term support, to help the youth develop the skills and experiences necessary to help the youth achieve a successful transition to adulthood.

30 (d) Social and emotional well-being: Every homeless youth and 31 young adult in our state should have access to both behavioral health 32 care and physical health care. Every state-funded program for 33 homeless youth and young adults must endeavor to identify, encourage, 34 and nurture each youth's strengths and abilities and demonstrate a 35 commitment to youth-centered programming.

36 (5) The legislature further finds that coordination of statewide 37 homeless prevention and reduction efforts should be the 38 responsibility of the executive branch and that funding for programs 39 should be available to local communities to best meet the needs of 40 homeless youth and young adults in the areas of housing, education,

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employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional wellbeing. These targeted investments ensure that our youth become well educated, healthy, and stable participants in the workforce and civic life of our communities.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. Creation of office of homeless youth 6 programs. (1) There is created the office of homeless youth programs 7 within the department.

8 (2) Activities of the office of homeless youth programs must be 9 carried out by a director of the office of homeless youth programs, 10 supervised by the director of the department or his or her designee.

11 (3) The office of homeless youth programs is responsible for 12 leading efforts under this subchapter to coordinate a spectrum of 13 ongoing and future funding, policy, and practice efforts related to 14 homeless youth and improving the safety, health, and welfare of 15 homeless youth in this state.

16 (4) The office of homeless youth programs shall (a) gather data 17 and outcome measures, (b) initiate data sharing agreements, (c) develop specific recommendations and timelines to address funding, 18 policy, and practice gaps within the state system for addressing the 19 20 four priority services areas identified in section 4 of this act, (d) make reports, and (e) increase system integration and coordinate 21 efforts to prevent state systems from discharging youth and young 22 23 adults into homelessness.

(5) The office of homeless youth programs shall regularly consult with an advisory committee comprised of advocates, service providers, and other stakeholders knowledgeable in the provision of services to homeless youth and young adults. The advisory committee shall provide guidance and recommendations to the office of homeless youth programs regarding funding, policy, and practice gaps within and among state programs.

(6) The office of homeless youth programs must be operational no later than January 1, 2016. Transfer of powers, duties, and functions of the department of social and health services to the department of commerce pertaining to youth homeless services and programs identified in section 7(2) of this act may occur before this date.

36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** Reporting and data gathering. (1) The 37 office of homeless youth programs shall identify data and outcomes

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1 measures from which to evaluate future public investment in homeless 2 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 to inform recommendations for funding, policy, and best 6 practices in the four priority service areas identified in section 4 7 of this act and present recommendations to address funding, policy, 8 and practice gaps in the state system.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Authorization for administration of 10 services and funding through the office of homeless youth programs. 11 (1)(a) The office of homeless youth programs shall report to the 12 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.

16 (ii) The grants must fund services in the four priority service 17 areas 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.

21 (2) The office of homeless youth programs shall provide 22 management and oversight guidance and direction to the following 23 programs:

24 (a) HOPE centers as described in RCW 74.15.220;

25 (b) Crisis residential centers as described in RCW 74.13.032;

26 (c) Street youth services;

(d) Independent youth housing programs as described in RCW43.63A.305.

29 Sec. 8. RCW 43.185C.010 and 2009 c 565 s 40 are each reenacted 30 and amended to read as follows:

31 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter 32 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

(3) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

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

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

6 (((3))) <u>(6)</u> "Director" means the director of the department of 7 commerce.

8 (((4))) <u>(7)</u> "Home security fund account" means the state treasury 9 account receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the 10 sources established by RCW 36.22.179, RCW 36.22.1791, and all other 11 sources directed to the homeless housing and assistance program.

12 (((5))) (8) "Homeless housing grant program" means the vehicle by 13 which competitive grants are awarded by the department, utilizing 14 moneys from the home security fund account, to local governments for 15 programs directly related to housing homeless individuals and 16 families, addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing 17 homelessness, collecting data on homeless individuals, and other 18 efforts directly related to housing homeless persons.

19 (((-6))) (9) "Homeless housing plan" means the ten-year plan 20 developed by the county or other local government to address housing 21 for homeless persons.

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

26 (((8))) <u>(11)</u> "Homeless housing strategic plan" means the ten-year 27 plan developed by the department, in consultation with the 28 interagency council on homelessness and the affordable housing 29 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.

37 (((10))) (13) "HOPE center" means an agency licensed by the 38 secretary to provide temporary residential placement and other 39 services to street youth. A street youth may remain in a HOPE center 40 for thirty days while services are arranged and permanent placement

1 is coordinated. No street youth may stay longer than thirty days unless approved by the department and any additional days approved by 2 the department must be based on the unavailability of a long-term 3 placement option. A street youth whose parent wants him or her 4 returned to home may remain in a HOPE center until his or her parent 5 6 arranges return of the youth, not longer. All other street youth must 7 have court approval under chapter 13.34 or 13.32A RCW to remain in a HOPE center up to thirty days. 8

9 <u>(14)</u> "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations 10 created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

11 (((11))) <u>(15)</u> "Housing continuum" means the progression of 12 individuals along a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at 13 one end and homeownership at the other.

14 (((12))) (16) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a 15 committee appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, 16 policy level representatives of the following entities: (a) The 17 department of commerce; (b) the department of corrections; (c) the 18 department of social and health services; (d) the department of 19 veterans affairs; and (e) the department of health.

20 (((13))) (17) "Local government" means a county government in the 21 state of Washington or a city government, if the legislative 22 authority of the city affirmatively elects to accept the 23 responsibility for housing homeless persons within its borders.

24 (((14))) (18) "Local homeless housing task force" means a 25 voluntary local committee created to advise a local government on the 26 creation of a local homeless housing plan and participate in a local homeless housing program. It must include a representative of the 27 county, a representative of the largest city located within the 28 29 county, at least one homeless or formerly homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain eligibility for federal 30 31 funding related to housing programs and services and if feasible, a 32 representative of a private nonprofit organization with experience in 33 low-income housing.

34 (((15))) (19) "Long-term private or public housing" means 35 subsidized and unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which 36 there is no established time limit for habitation of less than two 37 years.

38 (((16))) <u>(20)</u> "Performance measurement" means the process of 39 comparing specific measures of success against ultimate and interim 40 goals. 1 (((17))) (21) "Secure facility" means a crisis residential 2 center, or portion thereof, that has locking doors, locking windows, 3 or a secured perimeter, designed and operated to prevent a child from 4 leaving without permission of the facility staff.

(22) "Semi-secure facility" means any facility including, but not 5 б limited to, crisis residential centers or specialized foster family 7 homes, operated in a manner to reasonably assure that youth placed there will not run away. Pursuant to rules established by the 8 department, the facility administrator shall establish reasonable 9 hours for residents to come and go from the facility such that no 10 residents are free to come and go at all hours of the day and night. 11 12 To prevent residents from taking unreasonable actions, the facility administrator, where appropriate, may condition a resident's leaving 13 the facility upon the resident being accompanied by the administrator 14 or the administrator's designee and the resident may be required to 15 notify the administrator or the administrator's designee of any 16 intent to leave, his or her intended destination, and the probable 17 time of his or her return to the center. 18

19 (23) "Staff secure facility" means a structured group care 20 facility licensed under rules adopted by the department of social and 21 health services with a ratio of at least one adult staff member to 22 every two children.

23 (24) "Washington homeless census" means an annual statewide 24 census conducted as a collaborative effort by towns, cities, 25 counties, community-based organizations, and state agencies, with the 26 technical support and coordination of the department, to count and 27 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.

34 **Sec. 9.** RCW 13.32A.042 and 2000 c 123 s 4 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

36 (1)(a) The administrator of a crisis residential center may 37 convene a multidisciplinary team, which is to be locally based and 38 administered, at the request of a child placed at the center or the 39 child's parent. 1 (b) If the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that a 2 child is a child in need of services and the parent is unavailable or 3 unwilling to continue efforts to maintain the family structure, the 4 administrator shall immediately convene a multidisciplinary team.

(c) A parent may disband a team twenty-four hours, excluding 5 б weekends and holidays, after receiving notice of formation of the team under (b) of this subsection unless a petition has been filed 7 under RCW 13.32A.140. If a petition has been filed the parent may not 8 disband the team until the hearing is held under RCW 13.32A.179. The 9 court may allow the team to continue if an out-of-home placement is 10 ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). Upon the filing of an at-risk youth 11 12 or dependency petition the team shall cease to exist, unless the parent requests continuation of the team or unless the out-of-home 13 placement was ordered under RCW 13.32A.179(3). 14

15 (2) The ((secretary)) administrator shall request participation 16 of appropriate state agencies to assist in the coordination and 17 delivery of services through the multidisciplinary teams. Those 18 agencies that agree to participate shall provide the secretary all 19 information necessary to facilitate forming a multidisciplinary team 20 and the ((secretary)) administrator shall provide this information to 21 the administrator of each crisis residential center.

(3) ((The secretary shall designate within each region a 22 department employee who shall have responsibility for coordination of 23 the state response to a request for creation of a multidisciplinary 24 25 team. The secretary shall advise the administrator of each crisis residential center of the name of the appropriate employee. Upon a 26 request of the administrator to form a multidisciplinary team the 27 28 employee shall provide a list of the agencies that have agreed to 29 participate in the multidisciplinary team.

30 (4))) The administrator shall also seek participation from 31 representatives of mental health and drug and alcohol treatment 32 providers as appropriate.

33 (((5))) (4) A parent shall be advised of the request to form a multidisciplinary team and may select additional members of the 34 multidisciplinary team. The parent or child may request any person or 35 persons to participate including, but not limited to, educators, law 36 enforcement personnel, court personnel, family therapists, licensed 37 practitioners, social 38 health care service providers, youth 39 residential placement providers, other family members, church 40 representatives, and members of their own community. The

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administrator shall assist in obtaining the prompt participation of
 persons requested by the parent or child.

3 (((6))) <u>(5)</u> When an administrator of a crisis residential center 4 requests the formation of a team, the state agencies must respond as 5 soon as possible.

6 **Sec. 10.** RCW 13.32A.044 and 2000 c 123 s 5 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) The purpose of the multidisciplinary team is to assist in a 9 coordinated referral of the family to available social and health-10 related services.

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

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

16 (b) Make a referral to the designated chemical dependency 17 specialist or the county designated mental health professional, if 18 appropriate;

19 (c) Recommend no further intervention because the juvenile and 20 his or her family have resolved the problem causing the family 21 conflict; or

(d) With the parent's consent, work with them to achievereconciliation 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.

1 Sec. 11. RCW 13.32A.050 and 2000 c 123 s 6 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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

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

7 (b) If a law enforcement officer reasonably believes, considering 8 the child's age, the location, and the time of day, that a child is 9 in circumstances which constitute a danger to the child's safety or 10 that a child is violating a local curfew ordinance; or

(c) If an agency legally charged with the supervision of a child has notified a law enforcement agency that the child has run away 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 20 21 time reasonably necessary to transport the child to a destination authorized by law and to place the child at that destination. Law 22 enforcement custody continues until the law enforcement officer 23 24 transfers custody to a person, agency, or other authorized entity under this chapter, or releases the child because no placement is 25 26 available. Transfer of custody is not complete unless the person, 27 agency, or entity to whom the child is released agrees to accept 28 custody.

(3) If a law enforcement officer takes a child into custody 29 pursuant to either subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section and 30 31 transports the child to a crisis residential center, the officer shall, within twenty-four hours of delivering the child to the 32 center, provide to the center a written report detailing the reasons 33 the officer took the child into custody. The center shall provide the 34 department of social and health services with a copy of the officer's 35 36 report.

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

3 (5) Nothing in this section affects the authority of any 4 political subdivision to make regulations concerning the conduct of 5 minors in public places by ordinance or other local law.

6 (6) If a law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that 7 a child is being unlawfully harbored in violation of RCW 13.32A.080, 8 the officer shall remove the child from the custody of the person 9 harboring the child and shall transport the child to one of the 10 locations specified in RCW 13.32A.060 (as recodified by this act).

11 (7) No child may be placed in a secure facility except as 12 provided in this chapter.

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

15 (1) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 16 13.32A.050(1) (a) or (b) <u>(as recodified by this act)</u> shall inform the 17 child of the reason for such custody and shall:

(a) Transport the child to his or her home or to a parent at his 18 or her place of employment, if no parent is at home. The parent may 19 request that the officer take the child to the home of an adult 20 extended family member, responsible adult, crisis residential center, 21 the department of social and health services, or a licensed youth 22 shelter. In responding to the request of the parent, the officer 23 24 shall take the child to a requested place which, in the officer's 25 belief, is within a reasonable distance of the parent's home. The officer releasing a child into the custody of a parent, an adult 26 27 extended family member, responsible adult, or a licensed youth 28 shelter shall inform the person receiving the child of the reason for taking the child into custody and inform all parties of the nature 29 30 and location of appropriate services available in the community; or

31 (b) After attempting to notify the parent, take the child to a 32 designated crisis residential center's secure facility or a center's 33 semi-secure facility if a secure facility is full, not available, or 34 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 her
 home or place of the parent's employment; or

3 (iii) There is no parent available to accept custody of the 4 child; or

(c) After attempting to notify the parent, if a crisis 5 6 residential center is full, not available, or not located within a 7 reasonable distance, request the department of social and health services to accept custody of the child. If the department of social 8 9 and health services determines that an appropriate placement is currently available, the department of social and health services 10 11 shall accept custody and place the child in an out-of-home placement. 12 Upon accepting custody of a child from the officer, the department of social and health services may place the child in an out-of-home 13 placement for up to seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, 14 and holidays, without filing a child in need of services petition, 15 16 obtaining parental consent, or obtaining an order for placement under 17 chapter 13.34 RCW. Upon transferring a child to the department((-s)) 18 of social and health services' custody, the officer shall provide written documentation of the reasons and the statutory basis for 19 taking the child into custody. If the department of social and health 20 services declines to accept custody of the child, the officer may 21 release the child after attempting to take the child to 22 the following, in the order listed: The home of an adult extended family 23 24 member; a responsible adult; or a licensed youth shelter. The officer 25 shall immediately notify the department of social and health services 26 if no placement option is available and the child is released.

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

notified that a juvenile court has entered a detention order under
 this chapter or chapter 13.34 RCW.

3 (3) Every officer taking a child into custody shall provide the 4 child and his or her parent or parents or responsible adult with a 5 copy of the statement specified in RCW 13.32A.130(6) (as recodified 6 by this act).

7 (4) Whenever an officer transfers custody of a child to a crisis residential center or the department of social and health services, 8 the child may reside in the crisis residential center or may be 9 placed by the department of social and health services in an out-of-10 home placement for an aggregate total period of time not to exceed 11 seventy-two hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. 12 Thereafter, the child may continue in out-of-home placement only if 13 14 the parents have consented, a child in need of services petition has been filed, or an order for placement has been entered under chapter 15 16 13.34 RCW.

17 (5) The department <u>of social and health services</u> shall ensure 18 that all law enforcement authorities are informed on a regular basis 19 as to the location of all designated secure and semi-secure 20 facilities within centers in their jurisdiction, where children taken 21 into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 <u>(as recodified by this act)</u> may be 22 taken.

Sec. 13. RCW 13.32A.065 and 2000 c 162 s 12 and 2000 c 123 s 8 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:

31 (a) A motion and order to show why the child should not be held 32 in contempt has been filed and served on the child at or before the 33 detention hearing; and

34 (b) The court believes that the child would not appear at a 35 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.

1 **Sec. 14.** RCW 13.32A.090 and 2000 c 123 s 11 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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

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

9 (b) Upon admitting a child who has run away from home or has 10 requested admittance to the center;

11 (c) Upon learning from a person under RCW 13.32A.082 that the 12 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).

15 (2) Transportation expenses of the child shall be at the parent's 16 expense to the extent of his or her ability to pay, with any unmet 17 transportation expenses assumed by the ((department)) crisis 18 residential center.

19 (3) When any of the circumstances under subsection (1) of this 20 section are present, the administrator of a center ((or the 21 department)) shall perform the following duties:

(a) Immediately notify the child's parent of the child's whereabouts, physical and emotional condition, and the circumstances 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;

30 (c) Inform the parent whether a referral to children's protective 31 services has been made and, if so, inform the parent of the standard 32 pursuant to RCW 26.44.020(((12))) (1) governing child abuse and 33 neglect in this state; and either

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

(ii) Arrange transportation for the child to: (((i) [(A)])) (A)
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1 facility or foster family when agreed to by the child and parent; or 2 (((ii) [(B)])) <u>(B)</u> a certified or licensed mental health or chemical 3 dependency program of the parent's choice.

4 (4) If the administrator of the crisis residential center 5 performs the duties listed in subsection (3) of this section, he or 6 she shall also notify the department <u>of social and health services</u> 7 that a child has been admitted to the crisis residential center.

8 Sec. 15. RCW 13.32A.095 and 2000 c 123 s 12 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

10 The administrator of a crisis residential center shall notify 11 parents, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and the department 12 <u>of social and health services</u> immediately as to any unauthorized 13 leave from the center by a child placed at the center.

14 **Sec. 16.** RCW 13.32A.130 and 2009 c 569 s 1 are each amended to 15 read as follows:

(1) A child admitted to a secure facility located in a juvenile 16 detention center shall remain in the facility for at least twenty-17 four hours after admission but for not more than five consecutive 18 19 days. A child admitted to a secure facility not located in a juvenile detention center or a semi-secure facility may remain for not more 20 than fifteen consecutive days. If a child is transferred between a 21 secure and semi-secure facility, the aggregate length of time a child 22 23 may remain in both facilities shall not exceed fifteen consecutive 24 days per admission, and in no event may a child's stay in a secure facility located in a juvenile detention center exceed five days per 25 26 admission.

27 (2)(a)(i) The facility administrator shall determine within twenty-four hours after a child's admission to a secure facility 28 29 whether the child is likely to remain in a semi-secure facility and 30 may transfer the child to a semi-secure facility or release the child to the department of social and health services. The determination 31 shall be based on: (A) The need for continued assessment, protection, 32 and treatment of the child in a secure facility; and (B) the 33 likelihood the child would remain at a semi-secure facility until his 34 or her parents can take the child home or a petition can be filed 35 under this title. 36

(ii) In making the determination the administrator shall considerthe following information if known: (A) The child's age and maturity;

(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.

6 (b) If the administrator of a secure facility determines the child is unlikely to remain in a semi-secure facility, the 7 administrator shall keep the child in the secure facility pursuant to 8 this chapter and in order to provide for space for the child may 9 transfer another child who has been in the facility for at least 10 seventy-two hours to a semi-secure facility. The administrator shall 11 12 only make a transfer of a child after determining that the child who may be transferred is likely to remain at the semi-secure facility. 13

14 (c) A crisis residential center administrator is authorized to 15 transfer a child to a crisis residential center in the area where the 16 child's parents reside or where the child's lawfully prescribed 17 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.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this 27 section, the parents may remove the child at any time unless the 28 staff of the crisis residential center has reasonable cause to 29 believe that the child is absent from the home because he or she is 30 31 abused or neglected or if allegations of abuse or neglect have been made against the parents. The department of social and health 32 services or any agency legally charged with the supervision of a 33 child may remove a child from a crisis residential center at any time 34 after the first twenty-four-hour period after admission has elapsed 35 36 and only after full consideration by all parties of the factors in subsection (2)(a) of this section. 37

38 (5) Crisis residential center staff shall make reasonable efforts 39 to protect the child and achieve a reconciliation of the family. If a 40 reconciliation and voluntary return of the child has not been

1 achieved within forty-eight hours from the time of admission, and if the administrator of the center does not consider it likely that 2 reconciliation will be achieved within five days of the child's 3 admission to the center, then the administrator shall inform the 4 parent and child of: (a) The availability of counseling services; (b) 5 6 the right to file a child in need of services petition for an out-of-7 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 8 in filing the petition; (c) the right to request the facility 9 administrator or his or her designee to form a multidisciplinary 10 11 team; (d) the right to request a review of any out-of-home placement; 12 (e) the right to request a mental health or chemical dependency evaluation by a county-designated professional or a private treatment 13 14 facility; and (f) the right to request treatment in a program to address the child's at-risk behavior under RCW 13.32A.197. 15

16 (6) At no time shall information regarding a parent's or child's 17 rights be withheld. The department shall develop and distribute to 18 all law enforcement agencies and to each crisis residential center 19 administrator a written statement delineating the services and 20 rights. The administrator of the facility or his or her designee 21 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.

25 **Sec. 17.** RCW 74.13.032 and 2011 c 240 s 1 are each amended to 26 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)).

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

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

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1 secure facilities. These facilities shall be facilities licensed 2 under rules adopted by the department. These centers may also include 3 semi-secure facilities and to such extent shall be subject to 4 subsection (1) of this section.

5 (((3))) (4) The department shall, in addition to the facilities 6 established under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, establish 7 additional crisis residential centers pursuant to performance-based 8 contracts with licensed private group care facilities.

(((4))) (5) The department is authorized to allow contracting 9 entities to include a combination of secure or semi-secure crisis 10 residential centers as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 and/or HOPE centers 11 12 pursuant to RCW 74.15.220 (as recodified by this act) in the same building or structure. The department shall permit the colocation of 13 14 these centers only if the entity operating the facility agrees to designate a particular number of beds to each type of center that is 15 16 located within the building or structure.

17 (((5))) (6) The staff at the facilities established under this section shall be trained so that they may effectively counsel 18 19 juveniles admitted to the centers, provide treatment, supervision, and structure to the juveniles that recognize the need for support 20 21 and the varying circumstances that cause children to leave their families, and carry out the responsibilities stated in RCW 13.32A.090 22 (as recodified by this act). ((The responsibilities stated in RCW 23 13.32A.090 may, in any of the centers, be carried out by the 24 25 department.

26 (6))) (7) The secure facilities located within crisis residential 27 centers shall be operated to conform with the definition in RCW 28 13.32A.030. The facilities shall have an average of no less than one 29 adult staff member to every ten children. The staffing ratio shall 30 continue to ensure the safety of the children.

31 (((7))) <u>(8)</u> If a secure crisis residential center is located in 32 or adjacent to a secure juvenile detention facility, the center shall 33 be operated in a manner that prevents in-person contact between the 34 residents of the center and the persons held in such facility.

35 **Sec. 18.** RCW 74.13.033 and 2009 c 569 s 3 are each amended to 36 read as follows:

37 (1) If a resident of a crisis residential center becomes by his 38 or her behavior disruptive to the facility's program, such resident 39 may be immediately removed to a separate area within the facility and 1 counseled on an individual basis until such time as the child regains 2 his or her composure. The department may set rules and regulations 3 establishing additional procedures for dealing with severely 4 disruptive children on the premises.

5 (2) When the juvenile resides in this facility, all services 6 deemed necessary to the juvenile's reentry to normal family life 7 shall be made available to the juvenile as required by chapter 13.32A 8 RCW. In assessing the child and providing these services, the 9 facility staff shall:

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(a) Interview the juvenile as soon as possible;

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

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

(d) Provide additional crisis counseling as needed, to the end that placement of the child in the crisis residential center will be required for the shortest time possible, but not to exceed fifteen 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 22 section the center staff may refer any child who, as the result of a 23 mental or emotional disorder, or intoxication by alcohol or other 24 25 drugs, is suicidal, seriously assaultive, or seriously destructive 26 toward others, or otherwise similarly evidences an immediate need for 27 emergency medical evaluation and possible care, for evaluation 28 pursuant to chapter 71.34 RCW, to a mental health professional 29 pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW, or to a chemical dependency specialist pursuant to chapter 70.96A RCW whenever such action is deemed 30 31 appropriate and consistent with law.

32 (4) A juvenile taking unauthorized leave from a facility shall be apprehended and returned to it by law enforcement officers or other 33 persons designated as having this authority as provided in RCW 34 13.32A.050 (as recodified by this act). If returned to the facility 35 after having taken unauthorized leave for a period of more than 36 twenty-four hours a juvenile shall be supervised by such a facility 37 38 for a period, pursuant to this chapter, which, unless where otherwise 39 provided, may not exceed fifteen consecutive days. Costs of housing 1 juveniles admitted to crisis residential centers shall be assumed by 2 the department for a period not to exceed fifteen consecutive days.

3 **Sec. 19.** RCW 74.13.034 and 2009 c 569 s 4 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential center established pursuant to RCW 74.13.032 (as recodified by this 6 <u>act)</u> may, if the center is unable to provide appropriate treatment, 7 supervision, and structure to the child, be taken at department 8 expense to another crisis residential center, the nearest regional 9 secure crisis residential center, or a secure facility with which it 10 11 is collocated under RCW 74.13.032 (as recodified by this act). Placement in both locations shall not exceed fifteen consecutive days 12 from the point of intake as provided in RCW 13.32A.130 (as recodified 13 14 by this act).

15 (2) A child taken into custody and taken to a crisis residential 16 center established by this chapter may be placed physically by the department ((or the department's)) of social and health services' 17 designee and, at their departmental expense and approval, in a secure 18 juvenile detention facility operated by the county in which the 19 center is located for a maximum of forty-eight hours, including 20 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if the child has taken unauthorized 21 leave from the center and the person in charge of the center 22 determines that the center cannot provide supervision and structure 23 24 adequate to ensure that the child will not again take unauthorized 25 leave. Juveniles placed in such a facility pursuant to this section may not, to the extent possible, come in contact with alleged or 26 convicted juvenile or adult offenders. 27

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

(4) Juvenile detention facilities used pursuant to this section 3 shall first be certified by the department of social and health 4 services to ensure that juveniles placed in the facility pursuant to 5 6 this section are provided with living conditions suitable to the 7 well-being of the child. Where space is available, juvenile courts, when certified by the department of social and health services to do 8 so, shall provide secure placement for juveniles pursuant to this 9 section, at department expense. 10

11 **Sec. 20.** RCW 74.15.220 and 2011 c 240 s 2 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 The ((secretary)) department shall establish HOPE centers that provide no more than seventy-five beds across the state and may 14 15 establish HOPE centers by contract, within funds appropriated by the 16 legislature specifically for this purpose. HOPE centers shall be 17 operated in a manner to reasonably assure that street youth placed there will not run away. Street youth may leave a HOPE center during 18 the course of the day to attend school or other necessary 19 20 appointments, but the street youth must be accompanied by an 21 administrator or an administrator's designee. The street youth must provide the administration with specific information regarding his or 22 her destination and expected time of return to the HOPE center. Any 23 24 street youth who runs away from a HOPE center shall not be readmitted unless specifically authorized by the street youth's placement and 25 liaison specialist, and the placement and liaison specialist shall 26 27 document with specific factual findings an appropriate basis for readmitting any street youth to a HOPE center. HOPE centers are 28 required to have the following: 29

30 (1) A license issued by the ((secretary)) department of social 31 and health services;

(2) A professional with a master's degree in counseling, social 32 work, or related field and at least one year of experience working 33 with street youth or a bachelor of arts degree in social work or a 34 related field and five years of experience working with street youth. 35 This professional staff person may be contractual or a part-time 36 employee, but must be available to work with street youth in a HOPE 37 center at a ratio of one to every fifteen youth staying in a HOPE 38 center. This professional shall be known as a placement and liaison 39

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1 specialist. Preference shall be given to those professionals cross-2 credentialed in mental health and chemical dependency. The placement 3 and liaison specialist shall:

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

(b) Facilitate the street youth's return to his or her legally 7 authorized residence at the earliest possible date or initiate 8 processes to arrange legally authorized appropriate placement. Any 9 street youth who may meet the definition of dependent child under RCW 10 11 13.34.030 must be referred to the department of social and health 12 department of social and health services services. The shall determine whether a dependency petition should be filed under chapter 13 14 13.34 RCW. A shelter care hearing must be held within seventy-two hours to authorize out-of-home placement for any youth the department 15 16 of social and health services determines is appropriate for out-of-17 home placement under chapter 13.34 RCW. All of the provisions of 18 chapter 13.32A RCW must be followed for children in need of services 19 or at-risk youth;

20 (c) Interface with other relevant resources and system 21 representatives to secure long-term residential placement and other 22 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

30 (f) Arrange an educational assessment to measure the street 31 youth's competency level in reading, writing, and basic mathematics, 32 and that will measure learning disabilities or special needs;

33 Staff trained in development needs of street youth (3) as determined by the ((secretary)) 34 <u>department</u>, including an administrator who is a professional with a master's degree 35 in counseling, social work, or a related field and at least one year of 36 experience working with street youth, or a bachelor of arts degree in 37 social work or a related field and five years of experience working 38 39 with street youth, who must work with the placement and liaison 40 specialist to provide appropriate services on site;

1 (4) A data collection system that measures outcomes for the 2 population served, and enables research and evaluation that can be 3 used for future program development and service delivery. Data 4 collection systems must have confidentiality rules and protocols 5 developed by the ((secretary)) department;

6 (5) Notification requirements that meet the notification 7 requirements of chapter 13.32A RCW. The youth's arrival date and time must be logged at intake by HOPE center staff. The staff must 8 immediately notify law enforcement and dependency caseworkers if a 9 street youth runs away from a HOPE center. A child may be transferred 10 11 to a secure facility as defined in RCW 13.32A.030 whenever the staff 12 reasonably believes that a street youth is likely to leave the HOPE center and not return after full consideration of the factors set 13 forth in RCW 13.32A.130(2)(a) (i) and (ii) (as recodified by this 14 <u>act</u>). The street youth's temporary placement in the HOPE center must 15 16 be authorized by the court or the secretary of the department of 17 social and health services if the youth is a dependent of the state under chapter 13.34 RCW or the department of social and health 18 19 services is responsible for the youth under chapter 13.32A RCW, or by the youth's parent or legal custodian, until such time as the parent 20 21 can retrieve the youth who is returning to home;

(6) HOPE centers must identify to the department of social and 22 health services any street youth it serves who is not returning 23 promptly to home. The department of social and health services then 24 25 must contact the missing children's clearinghouse identified in 26 chapter 13.60 RCW and either report the youth's location or report that the youth is the subject of a dependency action and the parent 27 should receive notice from the department of social and health 28 29 services;

30 (7) Services that provide counseling and education to the street 31 youth; and

32 (8) The department shall award contracts for the operation of 33 HOPE center beds ((and responsible living skills programs)) with the 34 goal of facilitating the coordination of services provided for youth 35 by such programs and those services provided by secure and semi-36 secure crisis residential centers.

37 **Sec. 21.** RCW 74.15.225 and 2008 c 267 s 10 are each amended to 38 read as follows: 1 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 2 youth who, without placement in a HOPE center, will continue to 3 participate in increasingly risky behavior. Youth may also self-refer 4 to a HOPE center. Payment for a HOPE center bed is not contingent 5 6 upon prior approval by the department; however, approval from the department of social and health services is needed if the youth is 7 dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW. 8

9 **Sec. 22.** RCW 43.330.167 and 2009 c 565 s 9 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

(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 ((services)) fund. Revenues to the fund consist of ((a one-time)) appropriations by the legislature, private contributions, and all other sources deposited in the fund.

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

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

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

(3) Activities eligible for funding through the fund include, butare not limited to, the following:

30 (a) Case management;

31 (b) Counseling;

32 (c) Referrals to employment support and job training services and
 33 direct employment support and job training services;

34 (d) Domestic violence services and programs;

35 (e) Mental health treatment, services, and programs;

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

- 37 (g) Parenting skills education and training;
- 38 (h) Transportation assistance;
- 39 (i) Child care; and

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

3 (4) Organizations that may receive funds from the fund include 4 local housing authorities, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based 5 organizations, public development authorities, federally recognized 6 Indian tribes in the state, and regional or statewide nonprofit 7 housing assistance organizations.

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C 9 RCW to read as follows:

Home security fund account funds appropriated to carry out the activities of sections 1 through 21 of this act are not subject to the set aside under RCW 36.22.179(1)(b).

13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 24. If any provision of this act or its 14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the 15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 16 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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