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CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1408** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, Leonard, Cooke, Thibaudeau, Brough, Riley, Wolfe, Thomas, Karahalios, Ballasiotes, Forner, Long, Schmidt, Flemming, Silver, Eide, Wood, Shin, Linville, R. Meyers, J. Kohl, Ogden, Valle, Ludwig, Bray, Basich, Wineberry, Jones, Roland, Mielke, Wang, Heavey, Pruitt, Brown, Dellwo, Scott, Rayburn, King, Cothorn, Kessler, G. Cole, Rust, Springer, Kremen, Johanson, L. Johnson, Locke, Sheldon, Morris, H. Myers, Jacobsen and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to teen pregnancy prevention; amending RCW
2 74.09.790 and 74.09.800; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; creating
3 new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** FINDINGS AND STATE POLICY. (1) The
6 legislature finds that:

7 (a) Each year in Washington approximately fifteen thousand teenage
8 girls become pregnant;

9 (b) The public cost of adolescent pregnancy is substantial. Eighty
10 percent of teen prenatal care and deliveries are publicly funded. Over
11 fifty percent of the women on public assistance became mothers as
12 teenagers; and

13 (c) The personal costs of adolescent pregnancy can be socially and
14 economically overwhelming. These too young mothers are often unable to
15 finish high school. Their economic potential is diminished, their
16 probability of dependence on public assistance increases, and their
17 children are more likely to grow up in poverty. The cycle of teen
18 mothers raising children in poverty jeopardizes their future
19 educational opportunity and economic viability of future generations.

1 (2) The legislature therefore declares that in the interest of
2 health, welfare, and economics, it is the policy of the state to reduce
3 the incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy. To reduce the rate of teen
4 pregnancy in Washington, the legislature hereby:

5 (a) Establishes four-year projects to prevent teen pregnancy;

6 (b) Initiates a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign;

7 (c) Increases funding for family planning education, outreach, and
8 services; and

9 (d) Expands medicaid eligibility for postpartum family planning
10 services.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly
12 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout
13 this chapter.

14 (1) "Community" means an individual political subdivision of the
15 state, a group of such political subdivisions, or a geographic area
16 within a political subdivision.

17 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS. There
19 is established in the department a program to coordinate and fund
20 community-based teen pregnancy prevention projects. Selection of
21 projects shall be made competitively based upon compliance with the
22 requirements of sections 4 and 5 of this act. To the extent
23 practicable, the projects shall be geographically distributed
24 throughout the state. Criteria shall be established by the department
25 in consultation with other state agencies and groups involved in teen
26 pregnancy prevention.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--
28 REQUIREMENTS. (1) Each project shall be designed to reduce the
29 incidence of unplanned teen pregnancy in the defined community, and may
30 include preteens.

31 (2) At least fifty percent of the funding for teen pregnancy
32 prevention projects shall be community matching funds provided by
33 private or public entities. In-kind contributions such as, but not
34 limited to, staff, materials, supplies, or physical facilities may be
35 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the communities.

1 (3) The department shall perform evaluations of the projects. Each
2 project shall be evaluated solely on the rate by which the teen
3 pregnancy rates in the community are reduced, measured from the rates
4 prior to the implementation of the project. Projects that demonstrate
5 by empirical evidence that they have been successful in reducing the
6 teen pregnancy rate in their community shall be eligible for
7 consideration if reauthorized funding becomes available.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECTS--
9 APPLICATIONS. Applications for teen pregnancy prevention project
10 funding shall:

11 (1) Define the community requesting funding;

12 (2) Designate a lead agency or organization for the project;

13 (3) Contain evidence of the active participation of entities in the
14 community that will participate in the project;

15 (4) Demonstrate the participation of teens in the development of
16 the project;

17 (5) Describe the specific activities that will be undertaken by the
18 project;

19 (6) Identify the community matching funds required under section 4
20 of this act;

21 (7) Include statistics on teen pregnancy rates in the community
22 over at least the past five years;

23 (8) Include components that will demonstrate sensitivity to
24 religious, cultural, and socioeconomic differences; and

25 (9) Include components giving emphasis to the importance of sexual
26 abstinence as a method of pregnancy prevention, as provided in RCW
27 28A.230.070 and 70.24.210.

28 The department shall not discriminate against applicants for teen
29 pregnancy prevention project funding based on the type of pregnancy
30 prevention strategies and services included in the applicant's
31 proposal.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** REPORT. The department shall submit an
33 annual report on the state's teen pregnancy rates over the previous
34 five years, both state-wide and in the specific communities in which
35 teen pregnancy prevention projects are located, to the appropriate
36 standing committees of the legislature in the years 1995 through 1999.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

2 The department shall develop a teen pregnancy prevention media campaign
3 in collaboration with major media organizations and other organizations
4 and corporations interested in playing a positive and constructive role
5 in their communities. The media campaign shall be designed to reduce
6 the incidence of teen pregnancies. The media campaign shall be
7 directed to teens, their parents, and individuals and organizations
8 working with teens. The department may subcontract all or part of the
9 activities associated with the media campaign to qualified private,
10 nonprofit organizations.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
12 expire June 30, 1999.

13 **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.09.790 and 1990 c 151 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
16 this section apply throughout RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.820 and
17 74.09.510:

18 (1) "At-risk eligible person" means an eligible person determined
19 by the department to need special assistance in applying for and
20 obtaining maternity care, including pregnant women who are substance
21 abusers, pregnant and parenting adolescents, pregnant minority women,
22 and other eligible persons who need special assistance in gaining
23 access to the maternity care system.

24 (2) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,
25 county council, or county executive having the authority to participate
26 in the maternity care access program or its designee. Two or more
27 county authorities may enter into joint agreements to fulfill the
28 requirements of this chapter.

29 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
30 services.

31 (4) "Eligible person" means a woman in need of maternity care or
32 a child, who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this
33 chapter or the prenatal care program administered by the department.

34 (5) "Maternity care services" means inpatient and outpatient
35 medical care, case management, and support services necessary during
36 prenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods.

1 (6) "Support services" means, at least, public health nursing
2 assessment and follow-up, health and childbirth education,
3 psychological assessment and counseling, outreach services, nutritional
4 assessment and counseling, needed vitamin and nonprescriptive drugs,
5 transportation, family planning services, and child care. Support
6 services may include alcohol and substance abuse treatment for pregnant
7 women who are addicted or at risk of being addicted to alcohol or drugs
8 to the extent funds are made available for that purpose.

9 (7) "Family planning services" means planning the number of one's
10 children by use of contraceptive techniques.

11 **Sec. 10.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 5 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 The department shall, consistent with the state budget act, develop
14 a maternity care access program designed to ensure healthy birth
15 outcomes as follows:

16 (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant women
17 and health care services to children in poverty to the maximum extent
18 allowable under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the
19 federal social security act;

20 (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who are not
21 eligible to receive such services under the medical assistance program,
22 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

23 (3) By January 1, 1990, have the following procedures in place to
24 improve access to maternity care services and eligibility
25 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care services
26 under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social
27 security act:

28 (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

29 (b) Outstationing department staff to make eligibility
30 determinations;

31 (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level,
32 coordinated by the department; and

33 (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining medical
34 assistance eligibility within five working days of the date of an
35 application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility determination
36 within fifteen working days of the date of application by a pregnant
37 woman;

1 (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that shall
2 assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical assistance
3 benefits and receiving maternity care services, including
4 transportation and child care services;

5 (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate reimbursement
6 levels for maternity care providers;

7 (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that stresses
8 the importance of obtaining maternity care early during pregnancy;

9 ~~(7) ((Study the desirability and feasibility of implementing the
10 presumptive eligibility provisions set forth in section 9407 of the
11 federal omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1986 and report to the
12 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1989; and~~

13 ~~(8))~~ Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under the
14 program established by this section to persons, agencies, or
15 organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily
16 emphasize healthy birth outcomes;

17 (8) Provide family planning services including information about
18 the synthetic progestin capsule implant form of contraception, for
19 twelve months immediately following a pregnancy to women who were
20 eligible for medical assistance under the maternity care access program
21 during that pregnancy or who were eligible only for emergency labor and
22 delivery services during that pregnancy; and

23 (9) Within available resources, provide family planning services to
24 women who meet the financial eligibility requirements for services
25 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
27 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Captions as used in this act constitute no
29 part of the law.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. If specific funding for the purposes of
31 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
32 30, 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
33 void.

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