SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1676

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By House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Couture, Taylor, Stonier, Pollet, Callan, Rule, Goodman, and Kloba)

1 AN ACT Relating to special education early support for infants 2 and toddlers; and amending RCW 43.216.580.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 43.216.580 and 2020 c 90 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department is the state lead agency for Part C of the 7 federal individuals with disabilities education act. The department 8 shall administer the early support for infants and toddlers program, 9 to provide early intervention services to all eligible children with 10 disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with 11 disabilities education act or other applicable federal and state 12 13 laws, and as specified in the Washington Administrative Code adopted 14 by the department. Services provided under this section shall not supplant services or funding currently provided in the state for 15 early intervention services to eligible children with disabilities 16 17 from birth to three years of age.

18 (2) (a) Funding for the early support for infants and toddlers 19 program shall be appropriated to the department based on the annual 20 average headcount of children ages birth to three who are eligible 21 for and receiving early intervention services, multiplied by the 1 total statewide allocation generated by the distribution formula 2 under RCW 28A.150.260 (4)(a), (5), (6), and (8) and the allocation 3 under RCW 28A.150.415, per the statewide full-time equivalent 4 enrollment in common schools, multiplied by ((1.15)) 1.25.

5 (b) The department shall distribute funds to early intervention 6 services providers, and, when appropriate, to county lead agencies.

7 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (2), a child is receiving 8 early intervention services if the child ((has received services 9 within a month prior to)) is receiving services on the monthly count 10 day or has newly started receiving services at any point during the 11 month.

12 (3) Federal funds associated with Part C of the federal 13 individuals with disabilities education act shall be subject to payor 14 of last resort requirements pursuant to 34 C.F.R. Sec. 303.510 (2020) 15 for birth-to-three early intervention services provided under this 16 section.

17 (4) The services in this section are not part of the state's 18 program of basic education pursuant to Article IX of the state 19 Constitution.

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