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1 AN ACT Relating to identifying characteristics of the homeless
2 youth population; creating new sections; and providing an expiration
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature finds that
6 very little information is known about young children who are homeless.
7 Further, the legislature finds that information about young children
8 who are homeless is necessary to make policy decisions pertaining to
9 early learning, health care, and other social services. For these
10 reasons, it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the
11 homeless youth population.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington state institute for public
13 policy shall conduct an analysis to identify characteristics of the
14 homeless youth population from birth to age ten. To do so, the
15 Washington state institute for public policy shall consult with
16 applicable governmental and nongovernmental organizations to identify
17 homeless youth and services that they receive, including, but not
18 limited to, data from the homeless client management information

1 system, automated client eligibility system, and any other applicable
2 state and local government sources. The Washington state institute for
3 public policy shall further pursue information gathering techniques
4 with organizations that provide services to homeless youth and their
5 families to identify barriers to accessing services, whether the
6 services available meet the need of the homeless population, and
7 whether there are services needed by this population that are not
8 available. To the extent possible using these methods, the Washington
9 state institute for public policy will further identify the number of
10 homeless youth in Washington state from birth to ten years old and the
11 average length of homelessness for this population. The Washington
12 state institute for public policy shall submit a report based on this
13 analysis to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
14 1, 2014.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2015.

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