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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Tokuda, Dickerson, Wolfe, Scott, O'Brien, Cooper, Blalock, Costa, Cole, Cody, Sullivan, Gardner and Mason

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1 AN ACT Relating to teen pregnancies; creating a new section; making
2 an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of health shall contract with
6 a community-based service organization for a research study of births
7 to teen mothers and adult fathers. The study shall provide demographic
8 information on the adult fathers, the extent to which they support
9 their children, the incidence of statutory rape charges filed, and such
10 other information as the department of health may require. The
11 department shall submit the results of the research study to the
12 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives no
13 later than June 1, 1998.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of two hundred forty thousand
15 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
16 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the
17 department of health for the purposes of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 1997.

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