
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5846

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By Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Niemi, Pelz and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reemployment support centers administered by the
2 department of community development; adding a new chapter to Title 43
3 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 assist in the creation of local reemployment support centers that would
7 increase the capacity of local communities to aid their unemployed.
8 The centers are intended to supplement but not supplant the efforts of
9 the local job service centers of the employment security department.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of community development
11 shall issue requests for proposals to nonprofit agencies or to local
12 government agencies to serve as the local reemployment support centers
13 under this chapter. A minimum of five areas shall be served by the
14 selected agencies. Selected agencies shall receive funds pursuant to
15 this chapter for a two-year period. Selected agencies must offer
16 services in impact areas.

17 (2) As used in this section, "impact areas" means:

18 (a) Distressed counties as defined in RCW 43.165.010(3)(a);

1 (b) Subcounty areas in those counties that are not covered under
2 (a) of this subsection that are timber impact areas as defined in RCW
3 43.31.601;

4 (c) Urban subcounty areas as defined in RCW 43.165.010(3)(c); and

5 (d) Areas not currently experiencing economic distress that the
6 department anticipates as likely to experience distress in the near
7 future, such as areas experiencing defense budget reductions or
8 suffering dislocations from downturns in natural resource-based
9 industries.

10 (3) The department of community development shall establish
11 standards to govern the selection of the reemployment support centers.
12 Each local reemployment support center shall solicit local funds or in-
13 kind contributions for the project in an amount to be determined by the
14 department.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The local reemployment support centers shall
16 provide direct or referral services to the unemployed. The referrals
17 shall be made to agencies that provide any of the following services:

- 18 (1) Reemployment assistance;
- 19 (2) Medical services;
- 20 (3) Social services including marital counseling;
- 21 (4) Psychotherapy;
- 22 (5) Mortgage foreclosure and utilities problems counseling;
- 23 (6) Drug and alcohol abuse services;
- 24 (7) Credit counseling; and
- 25 (8) Other services as deemed appropriate.

26 The local reemployment support centers shall demonstrate the use of
27 the services of volunteers to maximize the effectiveness of the
28 centers' programs and outreach efforts to encourage the unemployed to
29 seek assistance.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The employment security department and the
31 department of social and health services shall each locate one or more
32 workers on a full or part-time basis at each local reemployment support
33 center in an effort to increase the effectiveness of the local
34 reemployment centers.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of community development
36 shall require each local center that receives funds under this chapter

1 to submit semiannual reports to the department that document the
2 effectiveness of the center's activities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The referrals and services provided by the
4 centers shall be confidential. Reporting and recordkeeping necessary
5 to file the required reports with the department of community
6 development shall be conducted in a manner that will maintain the
7 confidentiality of the client-provider relationship.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Each local reemployment support center
9 designated by the department under this chapter shall receive a minimum
10 of sixty thousand dollars for a one-year period.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall
12 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The sum of six hundred thirty thousand
14 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
15 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the
16 department of community development for the purposes of this act. No
17 more than five percent of the funds appropriated by this section may be
18 used for administrative costs of the department.

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