

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6179

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning chemical dependency specialist services.

Sponsors: Senators Tom, Fairley and Prentice.

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

House Committee on Ways & Means

Background: In 2005 the Legislature enacted the Omnibus Treatment of Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders Act. The Act required the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to contract with chemical dependency specialist services at each child welfare office. The specialist's duties are to conduct on-site chemical dependency screening and assessment, refer clients from the department to treatment providers, and provide consultation on cases.

Summary: DSHS is required to contract for chemical dependency specialist services but no longer must do so at each child welfare office.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	95	0

Effective: July 26, 2009

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