
HOUSE BILL 2547

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1 AN ACT Relating to immunization; creating new sections; making
2 appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Parents and guardians of children are often unaware of the need
6 for timely immunizations and the public health risks of the failure to
7 be properly immunized.

8 (2) Physicians often lack up-to-date information on the status of
9 their patients' immunizations, which increases the risks of over and
10 under-immunization that can be costly both in terms of health risks and
11 dollars.

12 (3) Child profile projects in four counties have been created to
13 address these concerns and provide the information needed to develop a
14 state-wide tracking and reminder system.

15 The legislature declares that it is in the public health interest
16 of the people of the state of Washington that all children be properly
17 immunized and that a plan be developed to create a state-wide child
18 profile system for tracking data and reminders for immunizations, thus

1 enabling the state to reach the ninety percent immunization rate set
2 forth in the public health improvement plan.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of health shall develop a plan
4 for analyzing the progress of the four current child profile counties
5 and making recommendations for expanding the project to other counties.
6 The plan for expansion must take into account the current immunization
7 rate for children between the ages of birth and two, goals set by the
8 local health departments in conjunction with their own public health
9 improvement plan work plans, and estimated population growth. The
10 secretary shall submit recommendations to the appropriate standing
11 committees of the senate and the house of representatives on the
12 proposed timeline for expansion of child profile, with a goal of state-
13 wide coverage.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of three hundred sixty thousand
15 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
16 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the
17 department of health for the sole purpose of stabilizing the four
18 existing child profile counties.

19 (2) The sum of dollars, or as much thereof as may be
20 necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from
21 the general fund to the department of health for the purposes of
22 development of a state-wide immunization tracking and reminder system.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
26 effect immediately.

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