
SENATE BILL 5521

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By Senators Kohl and Quigley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care administration; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that child care services and systems need to
7 be redesigned to enhance local community decision making, improve
8 coordination among child care and early childhood programs, and
9 increase flexibility toward improved quality assurance and
10 responsiveness to families. It is the intent of this section to move
11 toward local administration of child care subsidy programs. This
12 transfer of responsibilities from state to local level must be done
13 with care to avoid adversely affecting consumers, programs, and newly
14 developing networks. Successful transfer will be contingent upon a
15 partnership between the state and individual local communities,
16 readiness and agreement in the community that transfer is desired, and
17 a commitment by a local community to maintain or improve child care
18 services. The department of social and health services shall have the
19 authority through purchase of services to make department child care

1 subsidy programs available for administration through local community
2 entities in coordination with networks operating under chapter 70.190
3 RCW. The department, in consultation with the family policy council,
4 shall convene a design committee comprised of representatives from
5 local community networks, the child care coordinating committee, low-
6 income parents, and other affected groups to provide recommendations
7 regarding the transition process and guidelines for locally
8 administered child care subsidy programs. By July 1, 1996, up to six
9 local communities shall be chosen to locally administer child care
10 subsidy programs.

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