
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6702

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove, Stevens, Winsley and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to treatment and housing for persons with both
2 substance abuse problems and mental disorders; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Not later than January 1, 1999, the
6 secretary of social and health services shall submit a plan by which
7 the department of social and health services proposes to increase
8 treatment and housing services to persons who have substance abuse
9 problems and simultaneously have a mental disorder. The plan shall
10 provide incentives to programs which serve persons who abuse chemicals
11 or alcohol and also are diagnosed as having a mental disorder, with an
12 emphasis on programs which provide treatment and housing services for
13 persons with a major mental disorder.

14 The incentives plan shall be based on a model which incorporates an
15 integrated approach to treatment and housing. As used in this section
16 "integrated approach" means a program in which clinicians and
17 appropriate staff are trained in mental health disorders and substance
18 abuse problems and provide simultaneous treatment for the disorders and
19 problems in a setting designed for simultaneous treatment.

1 The plan shall require the secretary to make funding allocation and
2 incentive decisions based on research which demonstrates successful
3 outcomes for targeted persons. Programs funded according to the
4 incentive plan shall include appropriate outreach and monitoring of
5 persons; safe living arrangements; flexibility of treatment and housing
6 services; and a recognition of the potentially chronic nature of the
7 disorders and problems.

8 The plan shall also identify methods of providing ongoing training
9 for persons who deliver child protective services and child welfare
10 services to persons who have substance abuse problems and
11 simultaneously have a mental disorder and make referrals of dually
12 diagnosed persons to treatment and housing services.

13 The plan shall include identification of state and federal
14 statutory, fiscal, and regulatory barriers to improving the delivery of
15 an integrated approach and recommendations for elimination of the
16 barriers which are within the authority of the state.

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