
HOUSE BILL 3125

State of Washington 56th Legislature 2000 Regular Session

By Representatives Linville, Ericksen, Morris and Quall

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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program of assertive community
2 treatment; creating new sections; making appropriations; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the program of
6 assertive community treatment is an effective service delivery model of
7 comprehensive community treatment, rehabilitation, and support services
8 for people with severe and persistent mental illness. The intensive
9 nature of the services combined with a team approach has proven
10 effective in reducing inpatient psychiatric hospitalization,
11 homelessness, and incarceration for hard-to-serve populations.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Recognizing that other states have
13 demonstrated program of assertive community treatment effectiveness
14 through pilot projects, the legislature directs the secretary of the
15 department of social and health services to contract one million
16 dollars for a pilot program of assertive community treatment to be
17 administered by a county with: (1) A willing provider who has
18 facilities and services appropriate for the project; (2) an estimated

1 population of approximately one hundred sixty-one thousand as of April
2 1, 1999; and (3) estimated involuntary treatment act commitment
3 investigations of seven hundred one for 1999. This contract is
4 contingent upon the explicit allocation of matching funds by the county
5 of an additional one million dollars.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Washington institute for public policy
7 is directed to complete a study of the effectiveness of the pilot
8 project of program of assertive community treatment administered by the
9 county designated under section 2 of this act. The study shall track
10 the people receiving program of assertive community treatment services,
11 comparing their usage of inpatient psychiatric hospital bed days,
12 homelessness, incarceration, and other measures to be developed, prior
13 to receiving program of assertive community treatment services and
14 after receiving program of assertive community treatment services for
15 one year. The study must be submitted to the appropriate committees of
16 the legislature by December 1, 2001.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much
18 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the mental health division of the department of social and health
20 services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to carry out the
21 purposes of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or
23 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
24 fund to the Washington institute for public policy for the fiscal year
25 ending June 30, 2001, to carry out the purposes of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire
27 December 31, 2001.

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