

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1811

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1811** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers, Kenney and Ogden; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Read first time 02/26/1999.

1 AN ACT Relating to supported employment; amending RCW 41.04.750,
2 41.04.760, and 41.04.770; and amending 1997 c 287 s 1 (uncodified).

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

4 **Sec. 1.** 1997 c 287 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

5 The legislature finds that the rate of unemployment among
6 ~~((persons))~~ individuals with developmental disabilities or other
7 significant disabilities is high due to the limited employment
8 opportunities available to ~~((disabled persons))~~ them. Given that
9 ~~((persons))~~ individuals with developmental disabilities or other
10 significant disabilities are capable of filling employment positions in
11 the general work force population, supported employment is an effective
12 way of integrating such individuals into the general work force
13 population. The creation of supported employment programs can increase
14 the types and availability of employment positions for ~~((persons))~~
15 individuals with developmental disabilities or other significant
16 disabilities.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.04.750 and 1997 c 287 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise the definitions in
2 this section apply throughout RCW 41.04.760 through 41.04.780.

3 (1) "Developmental disability" means a disability as defined in RCW
4 71A.10.020.

5 (2) "Significant disability" means a disability as defined in 29
6 U.S.C. Sec. 705.

7 (3) "Supported employment" means employment for individuals with
8 developmental disabilities or other significant disabilities who
9 ((may)) require on-the-job training and long-term support in order to
10 fulfill their job duties successfully. Supported employment offers the
11 same wages and benefits as similar nonsupported employment positions.

12 ((+3)) (4) "State agency" means any office, department, division,
13 bureau, board, commission, community college or institution of higher
14 education, or agency of the state of Washington.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.04.760 and 1997 c 287 s 3 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 State agencies are encouraged to participate in supported
18 employment activities. The department of social and health services,
19 in conjunction with the department of personnel and the office of
20 financial management, shall identify agencies that have positions and
21 funding conducive to implementing supported employment. An agency may
22 only participate in supported employment activities pursuant to this
23 section if the agency is able to operate the program within its
24 existing budget. These agencies shall:

25 (1) Designate a coordinator who will be responsible for information
26 and resource referral regarding the agency's supported employment
27 program. The coordinator shall serve as a liaison between the agency
28 and the department of personnel regarding supported employment;

29 (2) Submit an annual update to the department of social and health
30 services, the department of personnel, and the office of financial
31 management. The annual update shall include: A description of the
32 agency's supported employment efforts, the number of ((persons))
33 individuals placed in supported employment positions, ((recommendations
34 concerning expanding the supported employment program to include people
35 with mental disabilities or other disabilities,)) and an overall
36 evaluation of the effectiveness of supported employment for the agency.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 41.04.770 and 1997 c 287 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The department of social and health services and the department of
4 personnel shall, after consultation with supported employment provider
5 associations and other interested parties, encourage, educate, and
6 assist state agencies in implementing supported employment programs.
7 The department of social and health services shall maintain information
8 regarding the number of supported employment placements by type of
9 disability and report this information to the department of personnel.
10 The department of personnel shall provide human resources technical
11 assistance to agencies implementing supported employment programs. The
12 department of personnel shall make available, upon request of the
13 legislature, an annual report that evaluates the overall progress of
14 supported employment in state government.

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