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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5811**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Costa, Long, McAuliffe and Carlson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to annual reports of, and recommendations for  
2 improvements in, equal access to delivery of human services by the  
3 department of social and health services, juvenile rehabilitation  
4 administration; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature intends, through its  
7 adoption of policies and appropriations, that no minors, on the basis  
8 of ethnicity or gender, be denied access to services which are intended  
9 to improve their lives.

10 (2) The legislature intends to determine whether budgetary and  
11 administrative policies implemented in the department of social and  
12 health services, juvenile rehabilitation administration have operated  
13 in a manner designed to assure equal access by minors to certain  
14 services without regard to arbitrary distinctions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
16 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Equal access to services" means services are provided to  
18 recipients regardless of ethnicity or gender.

1 (2) "Human services" means those programs and services operated or  
2 funded by the department of social and health services, juvenile  
3 rehabilitation administration.

4 (3) "Person" means an individual under the age of eighteen.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Upon implementation of an automated case  
6 management information system, the department of social and health  
7 services, juvenile rehabilitation administration shall prepare and  
8 present to the legislature and governor an annual report of equal  
9 access to its human services, delivered directly or by contract. For  
10 each human service provided, the report shall identify the following:  
11 (a) The type of human service provided; (b) whether the service was  
12 provided by the juvenile rehabilitation administration or delivered by  
13 contract with a vendor; (c) the number of persons who received human  
14 services who were female and the number who were male; and (d) the  
15 number of persons who received services, by ethnicity. The report  
16 shall be presented to the legislature and the governor.

17 (2) The report shall be sufficiently detailed to permit the  
18 recipients to examine the programs and contractors within each human  
19 service to determine the numbers of persons receiving services by  
20 gender and ethnicity. The juvenile rehabilitation administration  
21 shall, when the data within the report indicate that equal access is  
22 not available, provide the legislature and governor an explanation of  
23 the reasons for the lack of equal access, and a plan for attaining  
24 equal access and the cost of doing so. The submission of a plan under  
25 this section shall not create an entitlement to service for any person.

26 (3) For purposes of this report, the delivery of basic education  
27 shall be considered a human service only when the basic education is  
28 provided at a juvenile rehabilitation administration facility.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
30 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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