
SENATE BILL 6056

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By Senators Long, Hargrove, Costa, Stevens and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services
2 coordination of services for children and families in child dependency
3 cases; adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; and creating new
4 sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health services
7 serves parents and children with multiple needs, which cannot be
8 resolved in isolation. Further, the complexity of service delivery
9 systems is a barrier for families in crisis when a child is removed or
10 a parent is removed from the home. Efforts must be undertaken to
11 streamline the delivery of services, limiting the number of places,
12 providers, or programs that a family must contact and work with.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The department of social and health services shall develop methods
16 for coordination of services to parents and children in child
17 dependency cases. To the maximum level possible under current funding
18 sources, initial assessments should involve a professional with dual or

1 multiple credentials, who is able to determine the need for mental
2 health, substance abuse, developmental disability, or other services.
3 Assessment criteria should screen for multiple needs, and treatment
4 plans should be developed for the individual needs of the client in a
5 manner that minimizes the number of contacts the client is required to
6 make.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of social and health services
8 shall report to the legislature by August 15, 2001, regarding its
9 methods for coordination of services under the provisions of this act.

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