

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6179

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, April 18, 2009

Title: An act relating to chemical dependency specialist services.

Brief Description: Concerning chemical dependency specialist services.

Sponsors: Senators Tom, Fairley and Prentice.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 4/18/09 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Carrell, Fairley, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Oemig, Parlette, Pridemore, Regala, Rockefeller and Schoesler.

Staff: Michael Bezanson (786-7449)

Background: In 2005 the Legislature enacted the Omnibus Treatment of Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders Act. The Act required the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to contract with chemical dependency specialist services at each child welfare office. The specialist's duties are to conduct on-site chemical dependency screening and assessment, refer clients from the department to treatment providers, and provide consultation on cases.

Summary of Bill: DSHS is required to contract for chemical dependency specialist services but no longer must do so at each child welfare office.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No One.