

SHB 2287 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
4 Travis alert act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the department of health, in collaboration with the
9 department of social and health services, the Washington state
10 patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and
11 the superintendent of public instruction, shall design a training
12 program that will familiarize first responders and 911 personnel with
13 the techniques for best handling situations in which persons with
14 disabilities are present at the scene of an emergency in order to
15 maximize the safety of persons with disabilities, minimize the
16 likelihood of injury to persons with disabilities, and promote the
17 safety of all persons present. The program must include a checklist
18 of disabilities, symptoms of such disabilities, and things to do and
19 not do relevant to a particular disability so first responders and
20 emergency personnel can easily and quickly determine the specific
21 scenario into which they are entering. The department shall make the
22 training program available to all first responder agencies in the
23 state.

24 (2) For purposes of this section, "persons with disabilities"
25 means individuals who have been diagnosed with a physical, mental,
26 emotional, intellectual, behavioral, developmental, or sensory
27 disability.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52
29 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the director, through the state enhanced 911
3 coordinator, and in collaboration with the department of health, the
4 department of social and health services, the Washington state
5 patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and
6 other individuals and entities at the discretion of the director,
7 shall assess:

8 (a) The resources, capabilities, and procedures available or
9 required in order to include as part of the enhanced 911 emergency
10 service the ability to allow an immediate display on the screen
11 indicating that a person with a disability may be present at the
12 scene of an emergency, the caller's identification, location, phone
13 number, address, and license plate number if made available, that is
14 linked to the caller, emergency contact information for others who
15 will know about the person with a disability such as siblings,
16 grandparents, friends, or neighbors, if made available, information
17 regarding alternative residences and vehicles a person with a
18 disability frequently or regularly lives or commutes in, if made
19 available, detailed information regarding the disability of the
20 person including a picture and physical description of a person, if
21 made available, and the name, address, and phone number of the
22 diagnosing physician, if made available;

23 (b) How best to acquire, implement, and safeguard the information
24 in the system provided by a person with a disability, or a parent,
25 guardian, or caretaker of a person with a disability, such as
26 requiring a person who chooses to use the system to submit proof of
27 the diagnosis of the disability by a licensed health care physician
28 along with the information listed in (a) of this subsection, and
29 allowing or requiring the person to update the information in the
30 system on a periodic basis in order to keep the information current;

31 (c) What information provided by a person should remain
32 confidential and how to best ensure such information remains
33 confidential, unless the person providing the information gives
34 written permission to release it for purposes of this act or the
35 information is otherwise releasable or available under other
36 provisions of law; and

37 (d) The need to provide various agencies and employees, which are
38 first responders and emergency personnel, immunity from civil
39 liability for acts or omissions in the performance of their duties,

1 and what standard should apply, such as if the act or omission is the
2 result of simple negligence, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

3 (2) For purposes of this section, "person with a disability"
4 means an individual who has been diagnosed with a physical, mental,
5 emotional, intellectual, behavioral, developmental, or sensory
6 disability."

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "emergency;" strike the
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
9 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; and creating a
10 new section."

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