

2 SHB 1811 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

4 ADOPTED 4/15/99

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. 1997 c 287 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as
8 follows:

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

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

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

25 (1) "Developmental disability" means a disability as defined in RCW
26 71A.10.020.

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

29 (3) "Supported employment" means employment for individuals with
30 developmental disabilities or other significant disabilities who
31 ~~((may))~~ require on-the-job training and long-term support in order to
32 fulfill their job duties successfully. Supported employment offers the
33 same wages and benefits as similar nonsupported employment positions.

1 ~~((3))~~ (4) "State agency" means any office, department, division,
2 bureau, board, commission, community college or institution of higher
3 education, or agency of the state of Washington.

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

6 State agencies are encouraged to participate in supported
7 employment activities. The department of social and health services,
8 in conjunction with the department of personnel and the office of
9 financial management, shall identify agencies that have positions and
10 funding conducive to implementing supported employment. An agency may
11 only participate in supported employment activities pursuant to this
12 section if the agency is able to operate the program within its
13 existing budget. These agencies shall:

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

18 (2) Submit an annual update to the department of social and health
19 services, the department of personnel, and the office of financial
20 management. The annual update shall include: A description of the
21 agency's supported employment efforts, the number of ~~((persons))~~
22 individuals placed in supported employment positions, ~~((recommendations~~
23 ~~concerning expanding the supported employment program to include people~~
24 ~~with mental disabilities or other disabilities,))~~ and an overall
25 evaluation of the effectiveness of supported employment for the agency.

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

28 The department of social and health services and the department of
29 personnel shall, after consultation with supported employment provider
30 associations and other interested parties, encourage, educate, and
31 assist state agencies in implementing supported employment programs.
32 The department of social and health services shall maintain information
33 regarding the number of supported employment placements by type of
34 disability and report this information to the department of personnel.
35 The department of personnel shall provide human resources technical
36 assistance to agencies implementing supported employment programs. The
37 department of personnel shall make available, upon request of the

1 legislature, an annual report that evaluates the overall progress of
2 supported employment in state government."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "employment;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 41.04.750, 41.04.760,
8 and 41.04.770; and amending 1997 c 287 s 1 (uncodified)."

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