

**SB 6182** - S AMD 367

By Senator Honeyford

1 On page 1, line 12, after "~~county.~~)" insert "(1)"

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3 On page 1, after line 17, insert the following:

4 "(2) Before closure of any residential habilitation center, the office  
5 of financial management must conduct an independent feasibility study  
6 to determine accurate comparison costs for providing the same level of  
7 services for clients that move from the affected residential  
8 habilitation center to appropriate community residential programs.  
9 This feasibility study will include nonresidential community service  
10 costs as well as residential service costs. This feasibility study  
11 will include the costs of community services provided by non-division  
12 of developmental disabilities agencies of the department, and other  
13 state agencies outside of the department. As part of conducting this  
14 feasibility study, the office of financial management shall consult  
15 with residential habilitation residents, community advocates,  
16 community residential and community nonresidential service providers,  
17 residential habilitation center parents and guardians, and other  
18 interested parties. The office of financial management shall submit  
19 this feasibility study to the state legislature and department for  
20 review by December 1, 2010. The department is not authorized to close  
21 any state residential habilitation center in existence as of the  
22 effective date of this act without express state legislative  
23 approval."

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EFFECT: Requires legislative approval to close an RHC facility. Prior to closure of any RHC facility, OFM shall conduct a feasibility study to measure the costs of providing services to clients that move from the RHC to community residential programs. The study shall be reported to the legislature and DSHS.

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