

SB 6476-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Allows the department of social and health services to connect a child who is sexually exploited with services and treatment.

Changes the conditions under which law enforcement may impound a person's vehicle when the person is arrested for certain sex crimes involving a minor.

Changes penalties for commercial sexual abuse of a minor and promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

Directs the department of social and health services to require that to be licensed or continue to be licensed as a secure or semi-secure crisis residential center or HOPE center that the center has on staff, or otherwise has access to, a person who has been trained to work with the needs of sexually exploited children.

Requires the criminal justice training commission, in consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, to develop a model policy on law enforcement officer implementation of the procedures provided in the act relating to contact with a minor who is a sexually exploited child or who is a victim of offenses related to commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

Authorizes expenditures from the prostitution prevention and intervention account to be used for secure and semi-secure crisis residential centers to provide sexually exploited children with access to staff trained to meet their specific needs or to provide certain services.

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 6476

April 1, 2010

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 4 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6476 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to sex crimes involving minors."

Section 4 requires the Department of Social and Health Services to provide a report to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by November 1, 2010, regarding the training needed to allow staff of the Children's Administration and crisis residential centers to work effectively with sexually exploited youth. The report must identify the evidence-based training programs to be used and

the cost of such training. This section would be codified in chapter 13.32A RCW.

The Department will make the information available. A statutorily required report is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections Section 4 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6476.

With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6476 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor