

**SHB 1816 - S AMD 187**

By Senator Darneille

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1 On page 15, line 34 after "~~chapter 13.34 RCW.~~)" insert on line 35,

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3 "Sec. 9. RCW 43.185C.180 and 2011 c 239 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the  
6 department, within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this  
7 specific purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client  
8 management information system for the ongoing collection and updates  
9 of information about all homeless individuals in the state.

10 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington  
11 homeless client management information system shall come from the  
12 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community  
13 organizations providing services to homeless individuals and  
14 families.

15 (a) Personally identifying information about homeless  
16 individuals for the Washington homeless client management  
17 information system may only be collected after having obtained  
18 informed, reasonably time limited (i) written consent from the  
19 homeless individual to whom the information relates, or (ii)  
20 telephonic consent from the homeless individual, provided that  
21 written consent is obtained at the first time the individual is  
22 physically present at an organization with access to the Washington  
23 homeless client management information system. Safeguards consistent  
24 with federal requirements on data collection must be in place to  
25 protect homeless individuals' rights regarding their personally  
26 identifying information.

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1 (b) Data collection under this subsection shall be done in a  
2 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines  
3 regarding human research which, at a minimum, require that  
4 individuals receive:

5 (i) Information about the expected duration of their  
6 participation in the Washington homeless client management  
7 information system;

8 (ii) An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent  
9 questions about the data collection and their rights regarding their  
10 personal identifying information;

11 (iii) An explanation regarding whom to contact in the event of  
12 injury to the individual related to the Washington homeless client  
13 management information system;

14 (iv) A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the  
15 homeless individual; and

16 (v) A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality  
17 of records identifying the individual will be maintained.

18 (c) The department must adopt policies governing the appropriate  
19 process for destroying Washington homeless client management  
20 information system paper documents containing personally identifying  
21 information when the paper documents are no longer needed. The  
22 policies must not conflict with any federal data requirements.

23 (d) Any unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or older may  
24 give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying  
25 information under this section.

26 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system  
27 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable  
28 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the  
29 database with available housing and other support services. Local  
30 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,  
31 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist  
32 homeless persons.

33 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management  
34 information system will also provide the department with the

1 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and  
2 nature of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to  
3 information about the extent and nature of homelessness in  
4 Washington state among families with children.

5 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and  
6 reporting systems and shall:

7 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

8 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant  
9 state agencies including the department of social and health  
10 services, experts, and community organizations involved in the  
11 delivery of services to homeless persons; and

12 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state  
13 agencies.

14 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this  
15 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information  
16 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly,  
17 using appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

18 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system  
19 shall be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with new  
20 homeless client information at least annually."

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26 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "43.185C.010", insert  
"43.15C.180"

EFFECT: An unaccompanied youth, 13 or older, may provide his or  
her personally identifying information for entry into HMIS.

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