

2 **SB 6319** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

4 Adopted as Amended 2/13/92

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 72.23.025 and 1989 c 205 s 21 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to improve the quality of
10 service at state hospitals, eliminate overcrowding, and more
11 specifically define the role of the state hospitals. The legislature
12 intends that eastern and western state hospitals shall become clinical
13 centers for handling the most complicated long-term care needs of
14 patients with a primary diagnosis of mental disorder. Over the next
15 six years, their involvement in providing short-term ~~((and))~~ acute
16 care, and less complicated long-term care shall be diminished in
17 accordance with the revised responsibilities for mental health care
18 under chapter 71.24 RCW. To this end, the legislature intends that
19 funds appropriated for mental health programs, including funds for
20 regional support networks and the state hospitals be used for persons
21 with primary diagnosis of mental disorder. To the extent that persons
22 with developmental disabilities, head injury, AIDS, or substance abuse
23 are treated by state hospitals, the legislature intends that the
24 secretary allocate funds from separate appropriations to help support
25 their care. The legislature finds that establishment of the eastern
26 state hospital board, the western state hospital board, and institutes
27 for the study and treatment of mental disorders at both eastern state

1 hospital and western state hospital will be instrumental in
2 implementing the legislative intent.

3 (2)(a) The eastern state hospital board and the western state
4 hospital board are each established. Members of the boards shall be
5 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Each board
6 shall include:

7 (i) The director of the institute for the study and treatment of
8 mental disorders established at the hospital;

9 (ii) One family member of a current or recent hospital resident;

10 (iii) One consumer of services;

11 (iv) One community mental health service provider;

12 (v) Two citizens with no financial or professional interest in
13 mental health services;

14 (vi) One representative of the regional support network in which
15 the hospital is located;

16 (vii) One representative from the staff who is a physician;

17 (viii) One representative from the nursing staff;

18 (ix) One representative from the other professional staff;

19 (x) One representative from the nonprofessional staff; and

20 (xi) One representative of a minority community.

21 (b) At least one representative listed in (a) (viii), (ix), or (x)
22 of this subsection shall be a union member.

23 (c) Members shall serve four-year terms. Members of the board
24 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050
25 and 43.03.060 and shall receive compensation as provided in RCW
26 43.03.240.

27 (3) The boards established under this section shall:

28 (a) Monitor the operation and activities of the hospital;

29 (b) Review and advise on the hospital budget;

1 (c) Make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for
2 improving the quality of service provided by the hospital;

3 (d) Monitor and review the activities of the hospital in
4 implementing the intent of the legislature set forth in this section;

5 (e) Report periodically to the governor and the legislature on the
6 implementation of the legislative intent set forth in this section; and

7 (f) Consult with the secretary regarding persons the secretary may
8 select as the superintendent of the hospital whenever a vacancy occurs.

9 (4)(a) There is established at eastern state hospital and western
10 state hospital, institutes for the study and treatment of mental
11 disorders. The institutes shall be operated by joint operating
12 agreements between state colleges and universities and the department
13 of social and health services. The institutes are intended to conduct
14 training, research, and clinical program development activities that
15 will directly benefit mentally ill persons receiving treatment in
16 Washington state by performing the following activities:

17 (i) Promote recruitment and retention of highly qualified
18 professionals at the state hospitals and community mental health
19 programs;

20 (ii) Improve clinical care by exploring new, innovative, and
21 scientifically based treatment models for persons presenting
22 particularly difficult and complicated clinical syndromes;

23 (iii) Provide expanded training opportunities for existing staff at
24 the state hospitals and community mental health programs;

25 (iv) Promote bilateral understanding of treatment orientation,
26 possibilities, and challenges between state hospital professionals and
27 community mental health professionals.

28 (b) To accomplish these purposes the institutes may, within funds
29 appropriated for this purpose:

1 (i) Enter joint operating agreements with state universities or
2 other institutions of higher education to accomplish the placement and
3 training of students and faculty in psychiatry, psychology, social
4 work, occupational therapy, nursing, and other relevant professions at
5 the state hospitals and community mental health programs;

6 (ii) Design and implement clinical research projects to improve the
7 quality and effectiveness of state hospital services and operations;

8 (iii) Enter into agreements with community mental health service
9 providers to accomplish the exchange of professional staff between the
10 state hospitals and community mental health service providers;

11 (iv) Establish a student loan forgiveness and conditional
12 scholarship program to retain qualified professionals at the state
13 hospitals and community mental health providers when the
14 ((~~superintendent~~)) secretary has determined a shortage of such
15 professionals exists.

16 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary,
17 the institutes may enter into agreements with the department or the
18 state hospitals which may involve changes in staffing necessary to
19 implement improved patient care programs contemplated by this section.

20 (d) The institutes are authorized to seek and accept public or
21 private gifts, grants, contracts, or donations to accomplish their
22 purposes under this section.

23 (5) The department shall review the diagnoses and treatment history
24 of hospital patients and create a plan to locate inappropriately placed
25 persons into medicaid reimbursable nursing homes or other nonhospital
26 settings. The plan shall be submitted to the legislature by June 30,
27 1990."

28 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 72.23 RCW
29 to read as follows:

1 The secretary shall from funds appropriated for appropriate
2 nonmental health program budgets within the department develop a system
3 of payments or other incentives to discourage the inappropriate
4 placement of the developmentally disabled, those with head injury,
5 AIDS, those suffering the effects of substance abuse, or those with
6 similar ailments at the state hospitals, whether or not a mental
7 disorder is associated with their illness, and to encourage their care
8 in community settings or on state hospital or residential habilitation
9 center grounds. The system shall be similar to that used in contracts
10 with regional support networks to limit their use of the state
11 hospitals.

12 Under the system, state, local, or community agencies shall be
13 given financial or other incentives to develop appropriate crisis
14 intervention and community care arrangements. However, if it is
15 determined that care on state hospital grounds is appropriate, the
16 secretary shall condition such care on payments from appropriate
17 nonmental health program budgets within the department. The payments
18 shall be adequate to support additional care that the superintendents
19 may determine are needed for these persons, after consultation with
20 experts and the boards.

21 The secretary may establish specialized care programs for persons
22 described in this section on the grounds of the state hospitals. Such
23 programs may operate according to professional standards that do not
24 conform to existing federal or private hospital accreditation
25 standards."

26 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
29 effect immediately."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 72.23.025; adding a new
6 section to chapter 72.23 RCW; and declaring an emergency."