

2 **ESSB 6547 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 3-1-94**

3 By Committee on Human Services

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the current
8 complex set of rules and regulations, audited and administered at
9 multiple levels of the mental health system, focus primarily on the
10 process of providing mental health services and do not sufficiently
11 address consumer and system outcomes. To this extent, the legislature
12 finds that the intent of RCW 71.24.015 related to reduced
13 administrative layering, duplication, and reduced administrative costs
14 need much more aggressive action.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
16 shall establish a single comprehensive and collaborative project within
17 regional support networks and with local mental health service
18 providers aimed at creating innovative and streamlined community mental
19 health service delivery systems, in order to carry out the purposes set
20 forth in section 1 of this act and to capture the diversity of the
21 community mental health service delivery system.

22 The project must accomplish the following:

23 (1) Identification, review, and cataloging of all rules,
24 regulations, duplicative administrative and monitoring functions, and
25 other requirements that currently lead to inefficiencies in the
26 community mental health service delivery system and, if possible,
27 eliminate the requirements;

28 (2) The systematic and incremental development of a single system
29 of accountability for all appropriated funds used to provide mental
30 health services. Assessment must be made regarding the feasibility of
31 also including federal and local funds into the single system of
32 accountability;

33 (3) The elimination of process regulations and related contract and
34 reporting requirements. In place of the regulations and requirements,
35 a set of outcomes for mental health adult and children clients

1 according to chapter 71.24 RCW must be used to measure the performance
2 of mental health service providers and regional support networks. Such
3 outcomes shall be consistent with the goals specified in RCW 71.24.015
4 and focus on achieving family and consumer satisfaction with services,
5 and outcomes related to out-of-home and hospital care, housing, age-
6 appropriate activities, and system efficiencies;

7 (4) Evaluation of the feasibility of contractual agreements between
8 the department of social and health services and regional support
9 networks and mental health service providers that link financial
10 incentives to the success or failure of mental health service providers
11 and regional support networks to meet outcomes established for mental
12 health service clients;

13 (5) The involvement of mental health consumers and their
14 representatives in the pilot projects. Mental health consumers and
15 their representatives will be involved in the development of outcome
16 standards for mental health clients and other related aspects of the
17 pilot projects; and

18 (6) An independent evaluation component to measure the success of
19 the projects.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The project established in section 2 of this
21 act must be implemented by July 1, 1995, in from two to six regional
22 support networks, with annual progress reports submitted to the
23 appropriate committees of the legislature beginning November 1, 1994,
24 and in all regional support networks state-wide with full
25 implementation of the most effective and efficient practices identified
26 by the evaluation in section 2 of this act no later than July 1, 1997.
27 In addition, the department of social and health services, the
28 participating regional support networks, and the local mental health
29 service providers shall report to the appropriate policy and fiscal
30 committees of the legislature on the need for any changes in state
31 statute, rule, policy, or procedure, and any change in federal statute,
32 regulation, policy, or procedure to ensure the purposes specified in
33 section 1 of this act are carried out.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** To carry out the purposes specified in
35 section 1 of this act, the department of social and health services is
36 encouraged to utilize its authority to immediately eliminate any
37 unnecessary rules, regulations, standards, or contracts, to immediately

1 eliminate duplication of audits or any other unnecessarily duplicated
2 functions, and to seek any waivers of federal or state rules or
3 regulations necessary to achieve the purpose of streamlining the mental
4 health system and infusing it with incentives that reward efficiency,
5 positive outcomes for clients, and quality services.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each
7 added to chapter 71.24 RCW."

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