
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6300

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Long, Hargrove, Horn, Costa, Brown and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to annual reports of, and recommendations for
2 improvements in, equal access to delivery of human services by state
3 agencies; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature intends, through its
6 adoption of policies and appropriations, that no minors, on the basis
7 of ethnicity or gender, be denied access to services which are intended
8 to improve their lives.

9 (2) The legislature intends to determine whether budgetary and
10 administrative policies implemented at various agencies in the
11 executive branch have operated in a manner designed to assure equal
12 access by minors to certain services without regard to arbitrary
13 distinctions.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
15 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

16 (1) "Equal access to services" means services are provided to
17 recipients regardless of ethnicity or gender.

1 (2) "Human services" means those programs and services operated or
2 funded by a participating state agency that are designed to address one
3 or more of the at-risk factors set forth in RCW 70.190.130(1)(h).

4 (3) "Participating state agency" has the same meaning as in chapter
5 70.190 RCW.

6 (4) "Person" means an individual under the age of eighteen.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Each participating state agency shall,
8 by June 30, 2001, and annually thereafter, prepare and present to the
9 legislature and governor a report of equal access to its human
10 services, delivered directly or by contract. For each human service
11 delivered by a participating state agency the report shall identify the
12 following for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and annually
13 thereafter: (a) The type of human service provided; (b) whether the
14 service was provided by the participating agency or delivered by
15 contract with a vendor; (c) the number of persons who received human
16 services who were female and the number who were male; and (d) the
17 number of persons who received services, by ethnicity. The report
18 shall be presented to the legislature and the governor.

19 (2) The report shall be sufficiently detailed to permit the
20 recipients to examine the programs and contractors within each human
21 service to determine the numbers of persons receiving services by
22 gender and ethnicity. Each participating state agency shall, when the
23 data within the report indicate that equal access is not available,
24 provide the legislature and governor an explanation of the reasons for
25 the lack of equal access, and a plan for attaining equal access and the
26 cost of doing so. The submission of a plan under this section shall
27 not create an entitlement to service for any person.

28 (3) For purposes of this report, the delivery of basic education
29 shall be considered a human service only when the basic education is
30 provided at a facility owned or operated by a participating state
31 agency.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The office of financial management shall
33 adopt rules to establish the format and data required by this chapter.
34 The rules shall reflect the legislative intent that data be collected
35 and reported on a uniform basis and that delivery of human services
36 data be reported on a pro rata basis by population of persons eligible
37 to receive the services, on an agency-by-agency basis.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
2 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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