

5419-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Long, Hargrove, Kline, Winsley and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Providing additional treatment for drug offenders.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Directs the division of alcohol and substance abuse in consultation with the secretary of the department of corrections, the sentencing guidelines commission, the association of county human services, the Washington state association of drug court professionals, and any other organization deemed by the group to be necessary to establish a fair and equitable method to distribute funds from the criminal justice treatment account to counties.

Provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2004, seventy percent of the funds in the account shall be subject to this distribution formula. The remaining thirty percent of the funds in the account shall be distributed as grants.

Directs the county chemical dependency specialist in consultation with the county prosecutor, county sheriff, and county superior court to jointly submit a plan for disposition of all the funds provided from the criminal justice treatment account within that county. The funds shall be used solely to provide approved alcohol and substance abuse treatment pursuant to RCW 70.96A.090.

Encourages counties to consider regional agreements for the efficient delivery of treatment under this act.

Appropriates the sum of two million four hundred fifteen thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the criminal justice treatment account for the purposes of this act.