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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Costa, Long, McAuliffe and Carlson)

Brief Description: Requiring the juvenile rehabilitation administration to prepare reports concerning equal access to its human services.

SB 5811-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent, through its adoption of policies and appropriations, that no minors, on the basis of ethnicity or gender, be denied access to services which are intended to improve their lives.

Declares an intent to determine whether budgetary and administrative policies implemented in the department of social and health services, juvenile rehabilitation administration have operated in a manner designed to assure equal access by minors to certain services without regard to arbitrary distinctions.

Provides that, upon implementation of an automated case management information system, the department of social and health services, juvenile rehabilitation administration shall prepare and present to the legislature and governor an annual report of equal access to its human services, delivered directly or by contract. For each human service provided, the report shall identify the following: (1) The type of human service provided; (2) whether the service was provided by the juvenile rehabilitation administration or delivered by contract with a vendor; (3) the number of persons who received human services who were female and the number who were male; and (4) the number of persons who received services, by ethnicity. The report shall be presented to the legislature and the governor.