

2550-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representative Boldt)

Brief Description: Providing a liaison for community-based and faith-based social service organizations that receive no public funds. Revised for 1st Substitute: Providing liaisons for community-based and faith-based social service organizations.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the secretary to designate a person within each of the department's administrative regions to serve as a liaison for community-based and faith-based social services organizations that do not receive funding directly from the state. The liaison shall be available to such organizations for the purpose of: (1) Providing information as it relates to opportunities for such organizations to cooperate with the department in providing community services throughout the state;

(2) Identifying areas of need that are not currently being met in the state that community-based and faith-based social services organizations that do not receive funding directly from the state may provide;

(3) Coordinating efforts to promote involvement of community-based and faith-based social service organizations in providing community services.

Requires the secretary to include provisions in its contracts indicating that community-based and faith-based social services organizations that receive funds from the department must not: (1) Engage in discrimination that denies service to a potential client on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, religion, or presence of a disability; or

(2) Engage in activities that promote conversion to a particular faith, institution, or cause, unless participation in those activities is voluntary.