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Brief Description: Providing for early intervention services for disabled children from birth to three.

SB 6388 - DIGEST

Finds an urgent and substantial need to enhance the development of all infants and toddlers with disabilities in Washington to minimize developmental delays and to maximize individual potential for learning and functioning.

Provides that, by September 1, 2008, each school district shall provide or contract for early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age. Eligibility shall be determined according to Part C of the federal individuals with disabilities education act and as specified in WAC 392-172-114.

Directs school districts to provide or contract for early intervention services in partnership with local birth-to-three lead agencies and birth-to-three providers. Services provided under this act shall not supplant services or funding currently provided in the state for early intervention services to eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age.

Establishes a birth-to-three task force to make recommendations concerning policies, procedures, and regulations necessary to implement an equitable statewide comprehensive system for all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age.

Requires the birth-to-three task force to submit a report to the governor and the superintendent of public instruction by December 1, 2006, outlining their recommendations.