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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Keiser and Thibaudeau; by request of Department of Health)

Brief Description: Eliminating credentialing barriers for sex offender treatment providers.

SB 6555-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that certified sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex offender treatment providers may perform or provide the following service: Treatment of convicted level I and level II sex offenders who are sentenced and ordered into treatment pursuant to chapter 9.94A RCW and adjudicated juvenile level I and level II sex offenders who are sentenced and ordered into treatment pursuant to chapter 13.40 RCW.

Directs the department to issue an affiliate certificate to any applicant who meets the following requirements: (1) Successful completion of an educational program approved by the secretary or successful completion of alternate training which meets the criteria of the secretary;

(2) Successful completion of an examination administered or approved by the secretary;

(3) Proof of supervision by a certified sex offender treatment provider;

(4) Not having engaged in unprofessional conduct or being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety as a result of a physical or mental impairment; and

(5) Other requirements as may be established by the secretary that impact the competence of the sex offender treatment provider.