
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6190

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a pilot project to assist
2 individual providers with collecting community options program entry
3 system client participation money; creating new sections; making an
4 appropriation; providing an effective date; providing an expiration
5 date; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A twelve month, one county, community
8 options program entry system pilot project is established. The purpose
9 of the pilot project is to assist individual providers with the
10 collection of community options program entry system client
11 participation money.

12 (2) The department of social and health services will administer
13 the pilot project by contracting with a third party to collect the
14 participation amount owed to the individual provider. The third party
15 must pay the individual provider for the wages earned associated with
16 the client's participation amount. The third party will collect the
17 participation amount owed directly from the client. The individual
18 providers will invoice the state's social services payment system as
19 they currently do for all hours worked.

1 (3) Individual providers wishing to participate in the pilot
2 project must meet participation criteria established by the department
3 and be authorized by area agency of aging case managers and home
4 community services social workers. The department shall limit
5 individual provider participation to prevent an overexpenditure of the
6 appropriation made under this act.

7 (4) A third party wishing to participate in the project must
8 demonstrate to the department of social and health services that it has
9 the capability to manage the pilot project and demonstrate that it has
10 successfully worked with frail seniors, collected participation
11 amounts, and managed issues of home care workers.

12 (5) The pilot project is to take place in a county chosen by the
13 department of social and health services based on need and the ability
14 to gather data for the reporting requirement in section 2 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
16 must report on the results of the pilot project to the appropriate
17 committees of the legislature. The report must be in two phases. The
18 first report must be made by December 1, 2006, and the final report
19 must be made by June 1, 2007. The final report must include
20 recommendations for funding a future program including a revenue
21 neutral option, an analysis as to why participation is not being paid
22 and any available solutions, and a comparison of collected amounts
23 under the pilot project to collected amounts without the pilot project
24 to determine whether the pilot project is cost-effective.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, or
26 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
27 year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of
28 social and health services for the purposes of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 June 1, 2006.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires July 1, 2007.

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