
HOUSE BILL 2789

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By Representatives Rolfes, Green, Morrell, Williams, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to expansion of adult day care services; adding a
2 new section to chapter 74.39A RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washingtonians
5 sixty-five years of age and older will nearly double in the next
6 twenty-five years, from eleven percent of our population to almost
7 twenty percent. Younger people living with disabilities will also
8 require supportive long-term care services. Nationally, younger people
9 living with a disability account for thirty-seven percent of the total
10 number of people who need long-term care.

11 The legislature further finds that adult day service programs
12 provide an important and valuable service that allows people to live as
13 independently as possible, while receiving services that are essential
14 to their health and well-being, and still residing in their own homes
15 or adult family homes.

16 The legislature further finds that adult day service programs
17 provide a valuable respite from caregiving responsibilities for family
18 members, supporting family caregivers and allowing them to continue to

1 care for their family member without needing more formal services or a
2 higher level residential care.

3 The legislature further finds that adult day service programs are
4 not available, at all, in twenty-six of Washington's thirty-nine
5 counties, and are only available to a limited degree in the thirteen
6 counties in which some services exist. It is important that a special
7 effort be established to assist unserved and underserved communities to
8 develop adult day services programs.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Within funds appropriated for this purpose, the department shall
12 develop a challenge grant program to assist communities and
13 organizations in efforts to plan and establish additional adult day
14 service programs throughout the state. The challenge grant program
15 shall provide financial grants, not to exceed one hundred thousand
16 dollars for each grant, for the purpose of helping to meet the costs of
17 planning, development, and start-up of new adult day service programs
18 in underserved communities. Recipients of these grants must provide
19 matching resources, in funds or in-kind, of equal value to any grant
20 received. Any adult day services program developed after receiving a
21 challenge grant must agree to serve people whose care is paid for by
22 the state medical assistance program on a first-come, first-served
23 basis regardless of the source of payment.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
25 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
26 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
27 void.

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