

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5145**

Chapter 247, Laws of 2013

63rd Legislature  
2013 Regular Session

FIRE DEPARTMENTS--COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REFERRAL AND EDUCATION  
SERVICES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/28/13

Passed by the Senate April 23, 2013  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 3, 2013  
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 15, 2013, 1:41 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5145** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Keiser, Conway, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and Schlicher

Read first time 01/21/13. Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

1            AN ACT Relating to community assistance referral and education  
2 services; and adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Any fire department may develop a community assistance referral  
7 and education services program to provide community outreach and  
8 assistance to residents of its district in order to advance injury and  
9 illness prevention within its community. The program should identify  
10 members of the community who use the 911 system for low acuity  
11 assistance calls (calls that are nonemergency or nonurgent) and connect  
12 them to their primary care providers, other health care professionals,  
13 low-cost medication programs, and other social services. The program  
14 may also provide a fire department-based, nonemergency contact in order  
15 to provide an alternative resource to the 911 system. The program may  
16 hire health care professionals as needed.

17            (2) A participating fire department may seek grant opportunities  
18 and private gifts in order to support its community assistance referral  
19 and education services program.

1 (3) In developing a community assistance referral and education  
2 services program, a fire department may consult with the health care  
3 personnel shortage task force to identify health care professionals  
4 capable of working in a nontraditional setting and providing  
5 assistance, referral, and education services.

6 (4) Community assistance referral and education services programs  
7 implemented under this section must, at least annually, measure any  
8 reduction of repeated use of the 911 emergency system and any reduction  
9 in avoidable emergency room trips attributable to implementation of the  
10 program. Results of findings under this subsection must be reportable  
11 to the legislature or other local governments upon request. Findings  
12 should include estimated amounts of medicaid dollars that would have  
13 been spent on emergency room visits had the program not been in  
14 existence.

15 (5) For purposes of this section, "fire department" includes city  
16 and town fire departments, fire protection districts organized under  
17 Title 52 RCW, and regional fire authorities organized under chapter  
18 52.26 RCW.

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