
SENATE BILL 5642

State of Washington **64th Legislature** **2015 Regular Session**

By Senators Chase, Hill, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging training for medical students,
2 nurses, and medical technicians and assistants to work with adult
3 patients with developmental disabilities; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 28B.77 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The state of Washington promotes improving medical services to
9 adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Medical students
10 at the University of Washington, nursing students at schools of
11 nursing within the state of Washington and Pacific Northwest
12 University - College of Osteopathic Medicine, and special and
13 technical care students at technical schools within the state of
14 Washington would benefit from specialized training and exposure to
15 the unique care needs for adults that are developmentally disabled.
16 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific
17 purpose, the council shall develop a centralized program for grants
18 for institutions for programs designed to develop training projects
19 focused upon improvement of services to adult individuals with
20 developmental disabilities. The council may administer the grant
21 program in consultation with the department of health. The council

1 shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
2 December 1, 2016. The report must include information regarding
3 grants awarded under this section, as well as any other efforts or
4 progress in expanding or improving training for students in treating
5 adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

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