

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6158**

66th Legislature  
2020 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 10, 2020  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 5, 2020  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6158** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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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** Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Dhingra, Cleveland, Wilson, C., Das, Darneille, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lovelett, Randall, Stanford, and Carlyle)

READ FIRST TIME 01/23/20.

1 AN ACT Relating to model sexual assault protocols for hospitals  
2 and clinics; creating a new section; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The sexual assault coordinated  
6 community response task force is established within the office of the  
7 attorney general with members as provided in this subsection. The  
8 purpose of the task force is to develop model protocols ensuring that  
9 adult or minor sexual assault victims receive a coordinated community  
10 response when presenting for care at any hospital or clinic following  
11 a sexual assault.

12 (b)(i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from  
13 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

14 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint  
15 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
16 representatives.

17 (iii) The attorney general, in consultation with the legislative  
18 members of the task force, shall appoint:

19 (A) One member representing each of the following:

20 (I) The Washington state association of sheriffs and police  
21 chiefs;

1 (II) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;  
2 (III) The Washington defender association or the Washington  
3 association of criminal defense lawyers;  
4 (IV) The Washington association of cities;  
5 (V) The Washington association of county officials;  
6 (VI) The Washington superior court judges association;  
7 (VII) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;  
8 (VIII) The office of crime victims advocacy;  
9 (IX) The Washington state hospital association;  
10 (X) The Washington state nurses association;  
11 (XI) The office of the attorney general;  
12 (XII) The Washington state medical association; and  
13 (XIII) The children's advocacy centers of Washington;  
14 (B) Two providers from a community sexual assault program, one  
15 representative from a program serving an urban community, and one  
16 representative from a program serving a rural community;  
17 (C) Two members representing survivors of sexual assault;  
18 (D) Two members representing sexual assault nurse examiners, one  
19 representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner serving an urban  
20 community, and one representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner  
21 serving a rural community;  
22 (E) Two members representing children's advocacy centers, one  
23 representative from a center serving an urban community, and one  
24 representative from a center serving a rural community.  
25 (2) The duties of the task force include, but are not limited to:  
26 (a) Researching, reviewing, and making recommendations for best  
27 practice models in this state and from other states for collaborative  
28 and coordinated responses to sexual assault victims beginning with  
29 their arrival at a hospital or clinic;  
30 (b) Researching and identifying any existing gaps in trauma-  
31 informed, victim-centered care and support and sexual assault victim  
32 resources in Washington;  
33 (c) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for  
34 securing nonstate funding for implementing a standardized and  
35 coordinated community response to provide appropriate support for  
36 sexual assault victims;  
37 (d) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for any  
38 legislative policy options for providing a coordinated community  
39 response for victims of sexual assault; and

1 (e) Collaborating with the legislature, state agencies, medical  
2 facilities, and local governments to implement coordinated community  
3 responses for sexual assault victims consistent with best practices  
4 and standardized protocols including but not limited to issues of  
5 access to sexual assault specific services, potential for assistance  
6 from the crime victims' compensation program, legal advocacy from  
7 system-based and community-based advocates, privacy of medical  
8 records, and access to necessary information among responding  
9 professionals and service providers.

10 (3) The office of the attorney general shall administer and  
11 provide staff support to the task force.

12 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
13 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
14 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
15 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
16 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 (5) The task force must meet no less than twice annually.

18 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations  
19 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor by  
20 December 1st of each year.

21 (7) This section expires December 31, 2022.

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