
SENATE BILL 5938

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By Senators Braun and Robinson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the closure of residential habilitation
2 centers; and adding a new section to chapter 71A.12 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 71A.12
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 Subject to funding appropriated specifically for this purpose,
7 the department shall:

8 (1) Create a plan to relocate each person currently residing in a
9 residential habilitation center to a community-based setting. The
10 plan must be submitted to the legislature no later than December 1,
11 2023; and

12 (2) Reduce the number of persons living in the residential
13 habilitation centers listed in RCW 71A.20.020(1) by at least 20
14 percent at scheduled intervals until the populations of each facility
15 have reached zero. The first decrease must be completed by June 30,
16 2025. The second decrease must be completed by June 30, 2026. The
17 third decrease must be completed by June 30, 2027. The fourth
18 decrease must be completed by June 30, 2028. The fifth and final
19 decrease must be completed by December 31, 2028. Any proceeds

1 realized from the closure shall be distributed in accordance with RCW
2 71A.20.170.

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