

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5197

As of February 14, 1995

Title: An act relating to job opportunities and basic skills training program participation criteria.

Brief Description: Modifying criteria for JOBS program participation.

Sponsors: Senators Quigley, Winsley, Gaspard, Sheldon, Snyder and Haugen; by request of Governor Lowry.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/17/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Staff: Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

Background: The federal Family Support Act of 1988 established the "Job Opportunities and Basic Skills" (JOBS) program, intended to promote employability and self-sufficiency among welfare recipients. Washington State implemented the program on a voluntary basis, serving a limited number of persons.

Summary of Bill: JOBS program participation is mandatory for all non-exempt recipients. "Good cause" criteria may exempt some recipients from participating.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.