

1 **SSB 5670 - H AMD TO HS COMM AMD (5670-S AMH HS H2810.1) 615**

2 **ADOPTED 4-19-91**

3 By Representatives Jones, Brough, and Moyer

4 On page 23, after line 3 of the amendment insert:

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The legislature finds that an
6 increasing number of children are entering the state's public
7 schools with learning impairments caused by the use of drugs,
8 alcohol, and tobacco by their mothers during pregnancy. Many of
9 these children suffer from mental retardation, poor social
10 abilities, low cognitive skills, attention deficit disorders,
11 hyperactivity, or speech problems.

12 The legislature further finds that educating these children
13 will require additional resources, and perhaps new educational
14 strategies and techniques. The extent of these additional
15 resources and the most appropriate strategies and techniques are
16 not known at this time. If additional resources are not provided,
17 teachers will be required to devote significant time to these
18 students to the detriment of other children in the classroom.

19 The legislature further finds that many of these learning
20 impairments are preventable, and that increased parental education
21 on the effects of substance abuse during pregnancy would aid in
22 reducing the number of children with learning impairments."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The task force on the children of
2 substance abusers is created. The task force shall:

3 (1) Consult with the interagency task force created under
4 Senate Bill 5474 to identify current methods of data collection and
5 reporting about children in Washington born affected by alcohol or
6 drugs;

7 (2) Determine, to the extent feasible with available
8 resources, the current and projected number of children in
9 Washington born affected by alcohol or drugs, and estimate the
10 number that can be expected to have learning impairments during
11 school age;

12 (3) Investigate the nature of the special needs of children
13 born affected by alcohol or drugs;

14 (4) Identify the categories of education and social services
15 in the state likely to be significantly affected by changes in the
16 number of children born affected by alcohol or drugs;

17 (5) Identify current public education and social service
18 programs designed to address the special needs of children born
19 affected by alcohol or drugs, including, to the extent feasible,
20 total expenditures and number of children served;

21 (6) Identify current educational and treatment programs
22 designed to reduce substance abuse during pregnancy, including, to
23 the extent feasible, total expenditures and number of women served;
24 and

25 (7) Based on its findings under subsections (1) through (6) of
26 this section:

1 (a) Examine implications for the public school system and
2 social services in Washington;

3 (b) Investigate promising models for addressing the needs of
4 children born affected by alcohol or drugs within the public
5 education and social service settings, including, to the extent
6 feasible, estimates of cost per child;

7 (c) Investigate ways to reduce the problem of substance abuse
8 during pregnancy, including, but not limited to, ways to reduce the
9 social acceptance of alcohol and drug use during pregnancy and ways
10 to reduce the availability of harmful substances to pregnant women;

11 (d) Investigate such related issues as the task force deems
12 appropriate; and

13 (e) Develop recommendations for state action."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. (1) Membership on the task force
15 created in section 9 of this act shall include representatives from
16 the:

17 (a) Senate, one each from the majority and minority parties,
18 selected by the president of the senate;

19 (b) House of representatives, one each from the majority and
20 minority parties, selected by the speaker of the house of
21 representatives;

22 (c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction;

23 (d) Department of health;

24 (e) Department of community development;

1 (f) Department of social and health services;

2 (g) University of Washington's center for child development
3 and mental retardation;

4 (h) Washington education association;

5 (i) Association of Washington school principals;

6 (j) Washington state school directors' association;

7 (k) Washington association of school administrators;

8 (l) Washington state parent-teachers association;

9 (m) Learning disability association of Washington;

10 (n) County health departments;

11 (o) Chemical dependency associations, not more than three
12 representatives; and

13 (p) Private advocacy groups serving families and children, not
14 more than three representatives.

15 (2) The representatives of the agencies listed under (c)
16 through (g) shall be the agency heads or their designees. The
17 representatives of the organizations listed under (h) through (p)
18 shall be appointed by the superintendent of public instruction
19 after consultation with organizations they represent. The task
20 force shall select a chair from among its members at its first
21 meeting.

22 (3) All task force members shall be appointed within twenty
23 days and the first meeting of the task force shall be within thirty
24 days of the effective date of this act."

1 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Staff support for the task force
2 created in section 9 of this act shall be provided by the office of
3 the superintendent of public instruction."

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The task force created in section 9
5 of this act shall report its final findings and recommendations to
6 the appropriate standing committees of the legislature before
7 December 1, 1991."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. Sections 8 through 12 of this act
9 shall expire December 31, 1991."

10 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 8 through 12 of this act
11 are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
12 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its
13 existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately."

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16 On page 23, line 9 of the committee's title amendment, after
17 "sections;" strike "and" and after "71.24.800" on line 10 insert ";
18 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency"