

2 SB 6031 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.76.010 and 1987 c 214 s 16 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The legislature finds that accidental and purposeful exposure to
10 drugs, poisons, and ((poisonous)) toxic substances continues to be a
11 severe health problem in the state of Washington. It further finds
12 that a significant reduction in the consequences of such accidental
13 exposures ((have)) has occurred as a result of the services provided by
14 poison information centers, and that, by further enhancing these
15 services for occupational, industrial, and environmental exposures,
16 serious illness and injury can be even further reduced.

17 The purpose of this chapter is to reduce morbidity and mortality
18 associated with overdose and poisoning incidents by providing emergency
19 telephone assistance and treatment referral to victims of such
20 incidents, by providing immediate treatment information to health care
21 professionals, and public education and prevention programs. Further,
22 the purpose is to improve utilization of drugs by providing information
23 to health professionals relating to appropriate therapeutic drug use.

24 The legislature recognizes that enhanced cooperation between the
25 emergency medical system and poison control centers will aid in
26 responding to emergencies resulting from exposure to drugs, poisons,
27 and ((poisonous)) toxic substances, and that, by providing telephone
28 assistance to individuals with possible exposure to these chemicals,

1 the need for emergency room and professional office visits will be
2 reduced. As a result the cost of health care to those who may have
3 exposures to drugs, poisons, and toxic substances will be decreased and
4 appropriate treatment will be assured."

5 "Sec. 2. RCW 18.76.030 and 1987 c 214 s 17 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The department shall, in a manner consistent with this chapter,
8 provide support for the state-wide program of poison and drug
9 information services (~~(conducted by poison information centers located~~
10 ~~in the cities of Seattle and Spokane and satellite units located in the~~
11 ~~cities of Tacoma and Yakima)~~). These services shall, no later than
12 June 30, 1993, be centralized in and coordinated by a single nonprofit
13 center to be located in a place determined by the secretary. The
14 services of this ((program)) center shall be:

15 (1) Twenty-four hour emergency telephone management and treatment
16 referral of victims of poisoning and overdose incidents, to include
17 determining whether treatment can be accomplished at the scene of the
18 incident or transport to an emergency treatment or other facility is
19 required, and carrying out telephone follow-up to assure that adequate
20 care is provided;

21 (2) Providing information to health professionals involved in
22 management of poisoning and overdose victims;

23 (3) Community education programs designed to inform the public and
24 members of the health professions of poison prevention and treatment
25 methods((; and

26 ~~(4) Information to health professionals regarding appropriate~~
27 ~~therapeutic use of medications, their compatibility and stability, and~~
28 ~~adverse drug reactions and interactions)) and to improve awareness of~~

1 poisoning and overdose problems, occupational risks, and environmental
2 exposures; and

3 (4) Coordination of outreach units whose primary functions shall be
4 to inform the public about poison problems and prevention methods, how
5 to utilize the poison center, and other toxicology issues."

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.76 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The department shall establish a system for consulting with other
9 state agency programs concerned with poisons and poisonings, incidents
10 involving exposures to potentially poisonous substances, and other
11 toxicological matters to develop the most coordinated and consistent
12 response to such situations as is reasonably possible."

13 "Sec. 4. RCW 18.76.060 and 1987 c 214 s 21 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) A person may not act as a poison center medical director or
16 perform the duties of poison information specialists of a poison
17 information center without being certified by the secretary under this
18 chapter.

19 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if a poison
20 center medical director terminates certification or is decertified,
21 that poison center medical director's authority may be delegated by the
22 department to any other person licensed to practice medicine and
23 surgery under chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery under chapter
24 18.57 RCW for a period of thirty days, or until a new poison center
25 medical director is certified, whichever comes first."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 18.76 RCW
27 to read as follows:

1 The center may receive gifts, grants, and endowments from public or
2 private sources that may be made from time to time, in trust or
3 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the center and
4 spend gifts, grants, or endowments or any income from the public or
5 private sources according to their terms."

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.76.040 and 1987 c 214 s 18 & 1980
7 c 178 s 3 are each repealed."

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of
9 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
10 30, 1992, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
11 void."

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15 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "centers;" strike the
16 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.76.010, 18.76.030,
17 and 18.76.060; adding new sections to chapter 18.76 RCW; creating a new
18 section; and repealing RCW 18.76.040."