
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2647

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Sommers, Franklin, Winsley, Leonard, Moyer, Padden, Mielke, Tate and Wang)

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1 AN ACT Relating to state employee safety at eastern and western
2 state hospitals; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of labor and industries
5 shall conduct a study to investigate the problems and causes associated
6 with assaults on state employees who work at eastern and western state
7 hospitals. The study will include, but not be limited to, the possible
8 ameliorative actions of increased staffing levels, increased employee
9 training, and physical plant improvements. In their study the
10 department shall consult with state employees and their
11 representatives; department of social and health services and hospital
12 management; advocates of the mentally ill; patients or former patients
13 of state mental hospitals; persons with demonstrated expertise in
14 managing assaultive and self destructive behavior; and others with an

1 interest in this issue. The department shall report back to the
2 legislature regarding its findings and recommendations by December 31,
3 1993.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of ninety thousand dollars from
5 the accident fund and the sum of ninety thousand dollars from the
6 medical fund, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated
7 for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, to the department of labor and
8 industries for the purpose of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
12 persons or circumstances is not affected.