
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5167

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, Rasmussen, Newhouse, Stratton, Roach, Niemi and Talmadge).

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile justice; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A juvenile issues task force is created
4 to review the operation of the 1977 Juvenile Justice Act, the Family
5 Reconciliation Act, the at-risk youth legislation, and to study issues
6 pertinent to juveniles. The task force is charged with issuing a
7 report and making recommendations to the legislature by December 1,
8 1991.

9 The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Three co-chairs, one from the state senate appointed by the
11 president of the senate; one from the state house of representatives
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and one
13 appointed by the governor from among the members of the task force
14 named in subsection (3) of this section.

1 (2) Eight legislators, two each from the majority and minority
2 caucuses of the senate and two each from the majority and minority
3 caucuses of the house of representatives.

4 (3) The governor shall appoint the following members of the task
5 force:

6 (a) Three superior court judges;

7 (b) Two prosecuting attorneys;

8 (c) One juvenile public defender;

9 (d) The secretary of social and health services or the secretary's
10 designee;

11 (e) Two juvenile court administrators;

12 (f) One police chief or county sheriff;

13 (g) One child psychologist;

14 (h) One director of a youth organization;

15 (i) One person from the Washington council on crime and
16 delinquency;

17 (j) One person from a parents' organization;

18 (k) One person from a crisis residential center;

19 (l) One juvenile court caseworker;

20 (m) One representative of the executive branch;

21 (n) One member of the mental health treatment community; and

22 (o) One member from the substance abuse treatment community.

23 The department of social and health services shall fund the task
24 force in an amount sufficient to meet its mission. The task force
25 shall be staffed, to the extent possible, by staff available from the
26 membership of the task force.

27 The governor shall ensure that the task force membership represents
28 the diversity of the state including ethnic and cultural minorities and
29 ensure a balance among community, treatment professionals, law
30 enforcement, advocates, and other interests.