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SENATE BILL 6040

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By Senators West and Johnson

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1 AN ACT Relating to assaults on staff at state institutions; and  
2 adding new sections to chapter 71.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Assaults of full or part-time employees, volunteers, personal  
7 service providers, vendors, or vendor's agents at any state hospital  
8 for the mentally ill must be reported, within seventy-two hours of  
9 occurrence, by the superintendent of the hospital to the secretary of  
10 the department or the secretary's designee. Upon receiving the report,  
11 the secretary or the secretary's designee shall designate a qualified  
12 behavioral expert to assess the persons involved in the incident.  
13 Within thirty days of the incident, the expert shall provide to the

1 superintendent of the hospital a written report that contains at least  
2 the following elements:

3 (1) Whether the person committing the assault intended to do  
4 grievous bodily harm;

5 (2) The extent of injuries sustained by all persons; and

6 (3) A recommendation for referral to law enforcement, internal  
7 investigation, or an appropriate interdisciplinary treatment team.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 If the superintendent of the hospital fails to carry out the  
11 recommendation in the report required under section 1 of this act, the  
12 superintendent must provide a written report to the secretary or the  
13 secretary's designee specifying the reason or reasons for failing to  
14 carry out those recommendations.