
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6432

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1 AN ACT Relating to early intervention services for infants and
2 toddlers; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is an
5 urgent and substantial need to:

6 (1) Enhance the development of infants and toddlers with
7 disabilities in the state of Washington in order to minimize
8 developmental delay and maximize individual potential and enhance the
9 capacity of families to meet the needs of their infants and toddlers
10 with disabilities and maintain family integrity;

11 (2) Coordinate and enhance the state's existing early intervention
12 services to ensure a state-wide, community-based, coordinated,
13 interagency program of early intervention services for infants and
14 toddlers with disabilities and their families; and

1 (3) Facilitate the coordination of payment for early intervention
2 services from federal, state, local, and private sources including
3 public and private insurance coverage.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of implementing this
5 chapter, the governor shall appoint a state birth-to-six interagency
6 coordinating council and ensure that state agencies involved in the
7 provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants
8 and toddlers with disabilities and their families shall coordinate and
9 collaborate in the planning and delivery of such services.

10 No state or local agency currently providing early intervention
11 services to infants and toddlers with disabilities may use funds
12 appropriated for early intervention services for infants and toddlers
13 with disabilities to supplant funds from other sources. No state or
14 local agency may delay, interrupt, or divert funds appropriated for
15 early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities
16 from those programs.

17 All state and local agencies shall ensure that the implementation
18 of this chapter will not cause any interruption in existing early
19 intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

20 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the
21 restriction or reduction of eligibility under Title V of the Social
22 Security Act, P.L. 90-248, relating to maternal and child health or
23 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, P.L. 89-97, relating to medicaid
24 for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** State and local agencies or entities
26 receiving public money for providing or paying for early intervention
27 services shall enter into formal interagency agreements that define
28 their relationships and financial responsibilities in the provision of

1 services within each county. Such interagency agreements must include
2 procedures for resolving disputes and all additional components
3 necessary to ensure collaboration and coordination.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state birth-to-six interagency
5 coordinating council shall identify and work with county early
6 childhood interagency coordinating councils to coordinate and enhance
7 existing early intervention services and assist each community to meet
8 the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
10 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.