

6428-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Stratton and Oke; by request of Dept. of Social and Health Services, Department of Health, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Community Development and Employment Security Department)

Brief Description: Improving the responsiveness of services for at-risk children and families.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Specifies the duties and responsibilities of the family policy council.

Directs the family policy council to annually solicit from local consortiums proposals to facilitate greater flexibility, coordination, and responsiveness of services at the community level.

Requires a report by the council on the outcome of the program by June 30, 1995.

Declares a need to enhance the development of infants with disabilities to maximize individual potential.

Provides for the appointment of a state birth-to-six interagency coordinating council.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6428-S

April 2, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 12 and 13, Substitute Senate Bill 6428 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to at-risk families."

Section 12 directs the Juvenile Issues Task Force to determine whether a network of local consortia may administer the program funds from state agencies serving children and families at-risk. Section 401 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2466 (the juvenile issues omnibus bill) directs the Joint Select Committee of Juvenile Issues to undertake a similar study of community-based services to children and families. Therefore, I have vetoed section 12 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6428.

Section 13 requires that "implementation of council, consortia and the children's institute" be included in all federal and state plans affecting children, youth, and families. I believe there was an error in drafting this section because it is not clear what is meant by this requirement. To avoid confusion, I have vetoed section 13.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed sections 12 and 13 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6428.

With the exception of sections 12 and 13, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6428 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor