
HOUSE BILL 3028

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By Representative Sherstad

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1 AN ACT Relating to the collection and monitoring of health care
2 information; amending RCW 43.70.525; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 70.02 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.525 and 1994 c 299 s 29 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department, in conjunction with local health jurisdictions,
8 shall require each local health jurisdiction to submit an immunization
9 assessment and enhancement proposal, consistent with the standards
10 established in the public health (~~(services)~~) services improvement
11 plan, to provide immunization protection to the children of the state
12 to further reduce vaccine-preventable diseases.

13 (2) These plans shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (a) A description of the population groups in the jurisdiction that
15 are in the greatest need of immunizations;

16 (b) A description of strategies to use outreach, volunteer, and
17 other local educational resources to enhance immunization rates; and

18 (c) A description of the capacity required to accomplish the
19 enhancement proposal.

1 (3) All plans or programs developed in accordance with this section
2 that will document in a central location the individual immunization
3 status of children immunized within the plan or program's service area,
4 and that monitor longitudinally the immunization status of individual
5 children, shall require immunization providers to notify the parent or
6 legal guardian of each child immunized within the program or plan
7 service area that the immunization status of the child will be reported
8 to and monitored through the plan or program, and shall provide all
9 such parents or legal guardians with an opportunity to exclude their
10 child from the reporting and monitoring process each time the child is
11 immunized.

12 (4) This section shall be implemented consistent with available
13 funding.

14 (~~(4)~~) (5) The secretary shall report through the public health
15 (~~{services}~~) services improvement plan to the health care and fiscal
16 committees of the legislature on the status of the program and progress
17 made toward increasing immunization rates in population groups of
18 greatest need.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 70.02 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 Health care providers or facilities may not transmit health care
22 information to local health care jurisdictions for the purposes of
23 evaluating or monitoring the health status of patients within the
24 jurisdiction or for program planning or development, without first
25 obtaining the written permission of each patient whose health care
26 information will be disclosed. However, health care reporting in
27 accordance with chapters 70.24, 70.28, and 70.58 RCW are exempt from
28 this requirement.

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