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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Long, Franklin, Winsley and Oke

Brief Title: Revising procedures for at-risk youth.

**SB 6208 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to assure the ability of parents to exercise reasonable, compassionate care and control of their minor children when there is a medical necessity for treatment and without the requirement of filing a petition under chapter 71.34 RCW.

Provides that the department shall assure that, for any minor admitted to inpatient treatment under this act, a review is conducted by a physician or other mental health professional who is employed by the department, or an agency under contract with the department, and who neither has a financial interest in continued inpatient treatment of the minor nor is affiliated with the facility providing the treatment.

Revises provisions relating to voluntary mental health outpatient treatment.

Designates procedures for voluntary mental health inpatient treatment.

Provides for parent-initiated mental health treatment.

Revises provisions relating to chemical dependency treatments.