

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6607

As of January 31, 2000

Title: An act relating to assuring accountability in delivery of human services.

Brief Description: Allowing a writ of mandate when the department of social and health services fails to perform specified duties.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove and Fairley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/1/2000.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Jennifer Strus (786-7484)

Background: The Legislature is frustrated that the Department of Social and Health Services is not consistently implementing legislative directives.

Summary of Bill: A writ of mandate (mandamus) may be issued when the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) fails to provide a statutorily mandated report to the Legislature. A writ of mandate may be issued when DSHS fails to meet a statutory mandate or does not implement a statute that requires the department to perform a duty. A legislator is a party of interest and has standing to seek a writ as provided in the bill.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.