
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5462

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Wojahn, Deccio, Loveland, Winsley, Snyder, Spanel, Oke, McAuliffe, Gardner, Bauer and Patterson; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and Department of Social and Health Services)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the provision of services to the homeless; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that homelessness is
5 a significant problem in Washington. Planning for and serving the
6 shelter and housing needs of the homeless has been and continues to be
7 a responsibility of the department of community, trade, and economic
8 development. In order to adequately and effectively address the
9 complex issues confronting homeless families with children, planning
10 for and evaluating such services must be a collaborative effort between
11 the department of community, trade, and economic development, the
12 department of social and health services, other local, state, and
13 federal government agencies, and community organizations. It is the
14 intent of the legislature that children should not be placed in the
15 foster care system if homelessness is the primary reason for placement
16 or the continuation of their placement.

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