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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6652**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to youths who are parties to at-risk youth or child  
2 in need of services petitions; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the "Becca  
5 Bill" and subsequent amendments were enacted in 1995 with the intent of  
6 providing parents with legal support to provide appropriate control and  
7 custody of their children, and assisting parents and children with  
8 family conflict.

9 (2) The Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct  
10 a study that examines the effectiveness of the mandatory treatment and  
11 secure residential placement provisions of the at-risk youth or child  
12 in need of services petition process. The study shall include a review  
13 of the reasons for filing the petitions, options ordered by the court,  
14 and services received for a representative sample of cases. The study  
15 shall examine criminal and delinquent activity of the youth subject to  
16 petitions, substance abuse issues for those youth, and school  
17 retention. The study shall also include an assessment of the fiscal  
18 impact of the services received as a result of the filed petition.

1       (3) The office of the administrator for the courts, the department  
2 of social and health services, the superintendent of public  
3 instruction, and all other state and local governments shall provide  
4 access to any data necessary for the completion of this study.

5       (4) The institute shall report to the legislature on the findings  
6 of its study by January 1, 2001.

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