
SENATE BILL 6652

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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 individual and family outcomes associated with
11 youths who are parties to an at-risk youth or child in need of services
12 petition. The study shall include a review of the reasons for filing
13 the petitions, options ordered by the court, services received for a
14 representative sample of cases, and fiscal impacts of the options
15 ordered and services received. The study shall include at least the
16 following outcomes: (a) Criminal and delinquent activity of the youth
17 subject to petitions; (b) substance abuse issues for those youth; (c)
18 family stability; and (d) subsequent periods of running away. The
19 study shall also include a survey of parents, children, court

1 personnel, and community service providers in determining the outcomes
2 listed in this subsection.

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

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

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