

2899-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Clements, Cody, Cooper and Keiser; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Brief Description: Developing a workplace safety plan for state hospitals.

**HB 2899-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, by November 1, 2000, each state hospital shall develop a plan, for implementation by January 1, 2001, to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence at the state hospital.

The plan shall be developed with input from the state hospital's safety committee, which includes representation from management, unions, nursing, psychiatry, and key function staff as appropriate.

Requires that, by July 1, 2001, and at least annually thereafter, each state hospital shall provide violence prevention training to all its affected employees as determined by the plan.

Requires that, beginning no later than July 1, 2000, each state hospital shall keep a record of any violent act against an employee or a patient occurring at the state hospital. Each record shall be kept for at least five years following the act reported during which time it shall be available for inspection by the department of labor and industries upon request.

Declares that failure of a state hospital to comply with this chapter shall subject the hospital to citation under chapter 49.17 RCW.