
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6056

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove, Costa, Stevens and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services
2 coordination of services for children and families in child dependency
3 cases; adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; and creating new
4 sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health services
7 serves parents and children with multiple needs, which cannot be
8 resolved in isolation. Further, the complexity of service delivery
9 systems is a barrier for families in crisis when a child is removed or
10 a parent is removed from the home. The department must undertake
11 efforts to streamline the delivery of services.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The department of social and health services shall develop methods
15 for coordination of services to parents and children in child
16 dependency cases. To the maximum extent possible under current funding
17 levels, the department must:

1 (1) Coordinate and integrate services to children and families,
2 using service plans and activities that address the children's and
3 families' multiple needs. Assessment criteria should screen for
4 multiple needs;

5 (2) Develop treatment plans for the individual needs of the client
6 in a manner that minimizes the number of contacts the client is
7 required to make; and

8 (3) Access training for department staff to increase skills across
9 disciplines to assess needs for mental health, substance abuse,
10 developmental disabilities, and other areas.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of social and health services
12 shall report to the legislature regarding its methods for coordination
13 of services under the provisions of this act. The department must
14 provide the report to the legislature with the reports required under
15 kidscreen in RCW 74.14A.050(4).

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