

5963-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Long,
Costa, Carlson, Franklin, Oke, Gardner, Rasmussen and Kline)

Brief Description: Providing birth coaching for juvenile offenders
who are pregnant.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to establish a program of birth coaching
for juvenile mothers confined to the Echo Glen correctional
facility.

Declares an intent to have the department of social and health
services investigate the feasibility of developing and implementing
parenting education and visitation programs for juvenile offenders
who are parents.

Requires the department of social and health services to
report to the legislature no later than December 1, 2001, on the
following:

(1) The number of offenders in juvenile rehabilitation
administration facilities who are parents and who have not had
their parental rights terminated;

(2) The feasibility and fiscal impact of developing and
implementing, in conjunction with local school districts, a basic
parenting education curriculum to juvenile offenders who are
parents or who are expected to be involved in the parenting of
children upon release; and

(3) The feasibility and fiscal impact of instituting a program
of regular visitation between offender parents and their children.