

SB 6692 - S AMD 663

By Senators Hargrove, Stevens

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.14C.030 and 1996 c 240 s 4 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall be the lead administrative agency for
6 preservation services and may receive funding from any source for the
7 implementation or expansion of such services. The department shall:

8 (a) Provide coordination and planning with the advice of the
9 community networks for the implementation and expansion of preservation
10 services; and

11 (b) Monitor and evaluate such services to determine whether the
12 programs meet measurable standards specified by this chapter and the
13 department.

14 (2) The department may: (a) Allow its contractors for preservation
15 services to use paraprofessional workers when the department and
16 provider determine the use appropriate. The department may also use
17 paraprofessional workers, as appropriate, when the department provides
18 preservation services; and (b) allow follow-up to be provided, on an
19 individual case basis, when the department and provider determine the
20 use appropriate.

21 (3) In carrying out the requirements of this section, the
22 department shall consult with qualified agencies that have demonstrated
23 expertise and experience in preservation services.

24 (4) The department may provide preservation services directly and
25 shall, within available funds, enter into outcome-based, competitive
26 contracts with social service agencies to provide preservation
27 services, provided that such agencies meet measurable standards
28 specified by this chapter and by the department. The standards shall
29 include, but not be limited to, satisfactory performance in the
30 following areas:

1 (a) The number of families appropriately connected to community
2 resources;

3 (b) Avoidance of new referrals accepted by the department for child
4 protective services or family reconciliation services within one year
5 of the most recent case closure by the department;

6 (c) Consumer satisfaction;

7 (d) For reunification cases, reduction in the length of stay in
8 out-of-home placement; and

9 (e) Reduction in the level of risk factors specified by the
10 department.

11 (5)(a) The department shall not provide intensive family
12 preservation services unless it is demonstrated that provision of such
13 services prevent (~~out-of-home~~) placement in a foster family home or
14 group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW in at least
15 seventy percent of the out-of-home placement cases served for a period
16 of at least six months following termination of services. The
17 department's caseworkers may only provide preservation services if
18 there is no other qualified entity willing or able to do so.

19 (b) Contractors shall demonstrate that provision of intensive
20 family preservation services prevent (~~out-of-home~~) placement in a
21 foster family home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter
22 74.15 RCW in at least seventy percent of the out-of-home placement
23 cases served for a period of no less than six months following
24 termination of services. The department may increase the period of
25 time based on additional research and data. If the contractor fails to
26 meet the seventy percent requirement the department may: (i) Review
27 the conditions that may have contributed to the failure to meet the
28 standard and renew the contract if the department determines: (A) The
29 contractor is making progress to meet the standard; or (B) conditions
30 unrelated to the provision of services, including case mix and severity
31 of cases, contributed to the failure; or (ii) reopen the contract for
32 other bids.

33 (c) The department shall cooperate with any person who has a
34 contract under this section in providing data necessary to determine
35 the amount of reduction in foster care. For the purposes of this
36 subsection "prevent out-of-home placement" means that a child who has
37 been a recipient of intensive family preservation services has not been

1 placed outside of the home in a foster family home or group care
2 facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW, other than for a
3 single, temporary period of time not exceeding fourteen days.

4 (6) The department shall adopt rules to implement this chapter."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "placement;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.14C.030."

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