
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2550

State of Washington **58th Legislature** **2004 Regular Session**

By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representative Boldt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to community-based and faith-based social services
2 organizations; and adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The secretary shall designate a person within each of the
7 department's administrative regions to serve as a liaison for
8 community-based and faith-based social services organizations. The
9 liaison shall be available to such organizations for the purpose of:

10 (a) Providing information as it relates to opportunities for such
11 organizations to cooperate with the department in providing community
12 services throughout the state;

13 (b) Identifying areas of need that are not currently being met in
14 the state that community-based and faith-based social services
15 organizations may provide;

16 (c) Coordinating efforts to promote involvement of community-based
17 and faith-based social service organizations in providing community
18 services.

1 (2) The secretary shall include provisions in its contracts
2 indicating that community-based and faith-based social services
3 organizations that receive funds from the department must not:
4 (a) Engage in discrimination that denies service to a potential
5 client on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, national
6 origin, creed, religion, or presence of a disability; or
7 (b) Engage in activities that promote conversion to a particular
8 faith, institution, or cause, unless participation in those activities
9 is voluntary.
10 (3) The department shall achieve the purposes of this section
11 through existing resources.

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