
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6684

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Esser, Kohl-Welles and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to standardizing chemical dependency assessment
2 protocols; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that standardized
5 chemical dependency assessment protocols are necessary in court-
6 involved chemical dependency cases to improve the accuracy of
7 assessments and treatment plans. Background information, such as
8 criminal history, the police report, and a drug screen urinalysis, must
9 be available to chemical dependency professionals and probation
10 assessment officers at the commencement of the assessment of
11 individuals in court-involved chemical dependency cases. The
12 legislature intends to create a work group to draft protocols to
13 address how such information will be made available.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By July 1, 2004, the director of the
15 division of alcohol and substance abuse of the department of social and
16 health services, or the director's designee, shall within existing
17 resources convene and chair a work group to develop written protocols
18 for the production of accurate chemical dependency assessments and

1 appropriate treatment plans. The work group shall also determine the
2 process by which such information will be made available in a timely
3 manner to chemical dependency professionals and probation assessment
4 officers.

5 (2) In addition to the director of the division of alcohol and
6 substance abuse of the department of social and health services, the
7 following shall be members of the work group: A representative from
8 the district and municipal court judges association, a representative
9 from the administrative office of the courts, a representative from the
10 misdemeanor corrections association, a representative from the
11 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, a representative
12 from the association of alcohol and addiction programs, a
13 representative from the Washington state association of independent
14 outpatient programs, a representative from the Washington association
15 of prosecuting attorneys, and a representative from either the
16 Washington defender association or the Washington association of
17 criminal defense lawyers.

18 Members of the work group shall serve without compensation.

19 (3) By November 1, 2004, the work group shall finalize the written
20 protocols and submit them to the legislature and the governor.

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