
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5184

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Carrell, Brandland, Regala and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement services at state hospitals;
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state hospitals
5 provide benefits to local communities but also impose a financial
6 burden on the cities and towns responsible for providing law
7 enforcement services to those state hospitals. Residents, patients,
8 and staff are part of the communities in which these hospitals are
9 located. The legislature endeavors to establish a process whereby
10 cities and towns can enter into law enforcement contracts with the
11 department of social and health services to partially defray the
12 jurisdiction's law enforcement costs associated with providing these
13 services.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) When a state hospital is located within the corporate limits of
17 a city or town that has recurring law enforcement costs associated with
18 responding to actions of residents of the state hospital, at the

1 request of the city or town the department shall contract with the city
2 or town to pay an equitable share for law enforcement services. The
3 contract shall be negotiated as provided in subsection (2) of this
4 section and shall provide for payment by the department to the city or
5 town, within the limits specified in this section.

6 (2) The parties negotiating a law enforcement contract under this
7 section shall conduct the negotiation in good faith. Each state
8 hospital and the city or town within which jurisdiction the institution
9 is located shall jointly develop a written protocol governing mutual
10 communications and law enforcement responses to the hospital. Local
11 law enforcement must respond without additional payments when called in
12 accordance with the local community's standard for police intervention.

13 The department may not agree to reimburse the city or town for more
14 than one-half of the cost for law enforcement services provided by the
15 city or town, as determined in the contract. Reimbursement shall be
16 limited to funds available.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Department" means the department of social and health
19 services.

20 (b) "State hospital" means a state hospital as defined by RCW
21 72.23.010.

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