
SENATE BILL 6190

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By Senators Keiser and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a pilot project to assist
2 independent providers with collecting community options program entry
3 system client participation money; creating new sections; providing an
4 effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
5 emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A twelve month, one county, community
8 options program entry system pilot project is established. The purpose
9 of the pilot project is to assist independent providers with the
10 collection of community options program entry system client
11 participation money.

12 (2) The department of social and health services will administer
13 the pilot project by contracting with a third party to collect the
14 participation amount owed to the independent provider. The third party
15 must first pay the independent provider the provider's full wage,
16 including participation amount, less five percent to offset the third
17 party cost of collection. The third party will then collect the
18 participation amount from the client.

1 (3) Independent providers wishing to participate in the pilot
2 project must meet participation criteria established by the department
3 and be authorized by area agency of aging case managers and home care
4 services case managers.

5 (4) A third party wishing to participate in the project must
6 demonstrate to the department of social and health services that it has
7 the capability to manage the pilot project and demonstrate that it has
8 successfully worked with frail seniors, collected participation
9 amounts, and managed issues of home care workers.

10 (5) The pilot project is to take place in a county chosen by the
11 department of social and health services based on need and the ability
12 to gather data for the reporting requirement in section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
14 must report on the results of the pilot project to the appropriate
15 committees of the legislature. The report must be in two phases. The
16 first report must be made by December 1, 2006, and the final report
17 must be made by June 1, 2007. The final report must include
18 recommendations for funding a future program including a revenue
19 neutral option, an analysis as to why participation is not being paid
20 and any available solutions, and a comparison of collected amounts
21 under the pilot project to collected amounts without the pilot project
22 to determine whether the pilot project is cost-effective.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
26 June 1, 2006.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires July 1, 2007.

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