

ESSB 5909 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The family policy council shall conduct a
4 review and survey of the service needs and gaps in transitional and
5 independent living services available to eligible youth throughout the
6 state. The council shall consider the relevant research already
7 completed by other agencies and service providers, including but not
8 limited to the greater Pierce county community network. By December 1,
9 2007, the council shall report to the appropriate policy committees of
10 the legislature regarding their findings and shall recommend
11 improvements to the delivery of services to youth who are preparing to
12 transition out of foster care or who have transitioned from foster care
13 to independent living.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department, in consultation with stakeholders, including
17 foster youth, former foster youth, and the community public health and
18 safety networks established by the family policy council, and based on
19 the findings and recommendations of the family policy council under
20 section 1 of this act, shall create a program for expanding and
21 enhancing transitional and independent living services with state-
22 funded services that supplement federally funded services. The program
23 shall be designed to ensure continued access to federal funding and to
24 make the most efficient use of federal and state funding in serving
25 foster youth and former foster youth who are eligible for transitional
26 and independent living services and supports.

27 (2) The department shall report to the appropriate committees of
28 the legislature regarding implementation of the program by December 1,
29 2009.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires January 31,
2 2008."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Replaces all language in the underlying bill with: (1) A requirement for the Family Policy Council (Council) to survey the service needs and gaps for transitional and independent living services to foster youth and former foster youth; (2) a requirement for the Council to report back to the Legislature with its findings and recommendations; (3) a requirement for DSHS to implement a program to supplement federally funded services with state-funded services based on consultations with stakeholders and on the findings and recommendations of the Council; and (4) a requirement for DSHS to report back to the Legislature regarding implementation of the program.

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