

2SSB 6479 - 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.** (1) The children's administration of the  
4 department of social and health services, in collaboration with the  
5 children's mental health evidence-based practice institute established  
6 at the University of Washington division of public behavioral health  
7 and justice policy, shall implement a pilot project in Clark county for  
8 the screening, assessment, and treatment of children with reactive  
9 attachment disorder and other attachment disorders. In developing and  
10 implementing the pilot, the department and the institute shall jointly  
11 identify evidence-based or promising practices to identify and respond  
12 to young children receiving child welfare services who are at risk of  
13 developing attachment-related conditions or problems.

14       (2) The department and the institute shall consider whether and how  
15 the department's current children's health and education screening tool  
16 can be utilized to identify and refer children for further assessment  
17 regarding reactive attachment disorder and other attachment disorders  
18 or problems.

19       (3) The pilot program shall be structured to require that treatment  
20 is provided by licensed mental health professionals; interventions are  
21 appropriate to addressing the developmental needs of children; and  
22 practices are consistent with the recommendations in the report from  
23 the American professional society on abuse of children task force on  
24 attachment therapy, reactive attachment disorder, and attachment  
25 problems.

26       (4) The institute, in consultation with the children's  
27 administration, shall evaluate the pilot program and make  
28 recommendations to the legislature regarding:

29       (a) The effectiveness of the pilot program in responding to  
30 children's needs;

1 (b) Whether expansion of the program or individual components of  
2 the program is likely to improve the outcomes for children being served  
3 by the child welfare system; and

4 (c) Other issues pertinent to the implementation and operation of  
5 the pilot program. A report is due to the legislature by December 1,  
6 2010.

7 (5) To the extent funding is available, the institute also shall  
8 pursue further evaluation of promising practices to determine if a  
9 sufficient evidence basis exists for those practices to be replicated  
10 statewide in responding to children who are at risk of developing  
11 attachment-related conditions or problems.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act expires December 1, 2010."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and directs the Children's  
Administration and the Children's Mental Health Evidence-based  
Institute to implement a pilot program in Clark County and report back  
to the Legislature by December 1, 2010.

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