

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6325

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 01, 2008

Title: An act relating to juvenile offender suspended disposition alternatives.

Brief Description: Expanding juvenile offender suspended disposition alternatives.

Sponsors: Senator Hargrove.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/24/08, 2/01/08 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6325 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Marr and McAuliffe.

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

Background: A court may suspend a standard range disposition imposed on a juvenile offender on the condition that the offender comply with local sanctions (a sentence of zero to 30 days, and/or zero to 12 months community supervision, and/or a zero to 500 dollar fine) and an educational or treatment requirement. Any treatment programs provided to the offender must be research-based programs identified as effective by the Washington State Institute of Public Policy (WSIPP) or the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC).

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): A chemical dependency treatment program provided to a juvenile offender as part of a suspended disposition must be an evidence-based or research-based best practice program. These terms are defined. The program does not need to be approved by WSIPP or JLARC.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Removes consensus-based, promising, or emerging best practices from the list of eligible chemical dependency treatment programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.