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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5376**

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**By** Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Delvin, Shin, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Kline)

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1       AN ACT Relating to encouraging training for medical students,  
2 nurses, and medical technicians and assistants to work with adult  
3 patients with developmental disabilities; and adding a new section to  
4 chapter 28B.76 RCW.

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

6       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.76 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8       The state of Washington promotes improving medical services to  
9 adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Medical students at  
10 the University of Washington, nursing students at schools of nursing  
11 within the state of Washington and Pacific Northwest University -  
12 College of Osteopathic Medicine, and special and technical care  
13 students at technical schools within the state of Washington would  
14 benefit from specialized training and exposure to the unique care needs  
15 for adults that are developmentally disabled. Subject to the  
16 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the  
17 board shall develop a centralized program for grants for institutions  
18 for programs designed to develop training projects focused upon  
19 improvement of services to adult individuals with developmental

1 disabilities. The board may administer the grant program in  
2 consultation with the department of health. The board shall report to  
3 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2010. The  
4 report must include information regarding grants awarded under this  
5 section, as well as any other efforts or progress in expanding or  
6 improving training for students in treating adult individuals with  
7 developmental disabilities.

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