
SENATE BILL 5879

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By Senators Chase, King, Schoesler, Hargrove, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying alternatives to the operation of
2 residential habilitation centers; amending RCW 71A.20.020; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.20.020 and 1994 c 215 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The following residential habilitation centers are permanently
8 established to provide services to persons with developmental
9 disabilities: Lakeland Village, located at Medical Lake, Spokane
10 county; Rainier School, located at Buckley, Pierce county; Yakima
11 Valley School, located at Selah, Yakima county; Fircrest School,
12 located at Seattle, King county; and Frances Haddon Morgan Children's
13 Center, located at Bremerton, Kitsap county.

14 (2)(a) The department shall conduct a study to determine the
15 feasibility of alternatives to the operation of residential
16 habilitation centers described in this section. The department shall
17 examine the current nationwide nonprofit organizations and any public-
18 private partnerships that operate residential habilitation centers. As
19 an element of the study, the department shall review applicable state

1 and federal laws, as well as current and potential public-private
2 funding sources for residential habilitation centers. The department
3 shall provide recommendations regarding the implementation in
4 Washington state of residential habilitation centers operated by either
5 nonprofit organizations or a public-private partnership, and whether
6 such organizations or partnerships can deliver the same or better
7 services than are currently delivered by state-operated residential
8 habilitation centers.

9 (b) The department shall submit the study and its recommendations
10 to the appropriate committees of the legislature before June 30, 2011.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
14 immediately.

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