

SSB 6558 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that services for  
4 low-income children in Washington with serious mental health needs  
5 should be improved so that children can be served in their community,  
6 rather than in out-of-home placements, in order to receive the help  
7 they need. Entering a state institution, foster home, or other out-of-  
8 home placement may create additional hardship on the child and the  
9 family by forcing a child into an unfamiliar living situation and  
10 separating them from their family, friends, school, community, and  
11 natural supports. The legislature intends to expand access to  
12 intensive home and community-based children's services so that these  
13 services will be implemented statewide on a phased-in basis to children  
14 with serious mental health needs.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.24.065 and 2007 c 359 s 10 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 ~~((To the extent funds are specifically appropriated for this  
18 purpose,)) (1) The department of social and health services shall  
19 ((contract for implementation of a wraparound model of integrated  
20 children's mental health services delivery in up to four regional  
21 support network regions in Washington state in which wraparound  
22 programs are not currently operating, and in up to two regional support  
23 network regions in which wraparound programs are currently operating.  
24 Contracts in regions with existing wraparound programs shall be for the  
25 purpose of expanding the number of children served.~~

26 ~~(1) Funding provided may be expended for: Costs associated with a  
27 request for proposal and contracting process; administrative costs  
28 associated with successful bidders' operation of the wraparound model;  
29 the evaluation under subsection (5) of this section; and funding for~~

1 ~~services needed by children enrolled in wraparound model sites that are~~  
2 ~~not otherwise covered under existing state programs. The services~~  
3 ~~provided through the wraparound model sites shall include, but not be~~  
4 ~~limited to, services covered under the medicaid program. The~~  
5 ~~department shall maximize the use of medicaid and other existing state-~~  
6 ~~funded programs as a funding source. However, state funds provided may~~  
7 ~~be used to develop a broader service package to meet needs identified~~  
8 ~~in a child's care plan. Amounts provided shall supplement, and not~~  
9 ~~supplant, state, local, or other funding for services that a child~~  
10 ~~being served through a wraparound site would otherwise be eligible to~~  
11 ~~receive)) implement statewide intensive home and community-based~~  
12 ~~services for children, funded through medicaid. This set of services~~  
13 ~~is known as wraparound with intensive services, and shall include the~~  
14 ~~following core medicaid covered mental health services: (a) Intensive~~  
15 ~~care coordination, (b) intensive home and community-based services, and~~  
16 ~~(c) mobile crisis intervention and stabilization services. In order to~~  
17 ~~ensure consistency statewide, the department shall develop standards,~~  
18 ~~policies and protocols to direct the implementation and provision of~~  
19 ~~care under this section beginning July 1, 2014. The services must be~~  
20 ~~phased in as rapidly as feasible and according to a schedule that~~  
21 ~~prioritizes infrastructure availability and local provider readiness.~~

22 (2) ~~The wraparound ((model sites))~~ with intensive services program  
23 funded through medicaid shall serve children ~~((with serious emotional~~  
24 ~~or behavioral disturbances who are at high risk of residential or~~  
25 ~~correctional placement or psychiatric hospitalization, and who have~~  
26 ~~been referred for services from the department, a county juvenile~~  
27 ~~court, a tribal court, a school, or a licensed mental health provider~~  
28 ~~or agency))~~ and youth under the age of twenty-one with a mental illness  
29 or condition and who have a functional impairment which substantially  
30 interferes with or substantially limits the ability to function in the  
31 family, school or community setting, and for whom intensive home and  
32 community-based services have been recommended by a licensed  
33 practitioner to correct or ameliorate the mental illness or condition.

34 ~~((3) Through a request for proposal process, the department shall~~  
35 ~~contract, with regional support networks, alone or in partnership with~~  
36 ~~either educational service districts or entities licensed to provide~~  
37 ~~mental health services to children with serious emotional or behavioral~~  
38 ~~disturbances, to operate the wraparound model sites. The contractor~~

1 shall provide care coordination and facilitate the delivery of services  
2 and other supports to families using a strength-based, highly  
3 individualized wraparound process. The request for proposal shall  
4 require that:

5 (a) The regional support network agree to use its medicaid revenues  
6 to fund services included in the existing regional support network's  
7 benefit package that a medicaid-eligible child participating in the  
8 wraparound model site is determined to need;

9 (b) The contractor provide evidence of commitments from at least  
10 the following entities to participate in wraparound care plan  
11 development and service provision when appropriate: Community mental  
12 health agencies, schools, the department of social and health services  
13 children's administration, juvenile courts, the department of social  
14 and health services juvenile rehabilitation administration, and managed  
15 health care systems contracting with the department under RCW  
16 74.09.522; and

17 (c) The contractor will operate the wraparound model site in a  
18 manner that maintains fidelity to the wraparound process as defined in  
19 RCW 71.36.010.

20 (4) Contracts for operation of the wraparound model sites shall be  
21 executed on or before April 1, 2008, with enrollment and service  
22 delivery beginning on or before July 1, 2008.

23 (5) The evidence-based practice institute established in RCW  
24 71.24.061 shall evaluate the wraparound model sites, measuring outcomes  
25 for children served. Outcomes measured shall include, but are not  
26 limited to:)) Referral to services may include, but is not limited to:

27 (a) A self-referral from the child or the child's family;

28 (b) Regional support networks;

29 (c) Mental health or medical providers;

30 (d) Tribes or tribal courts;

31 (e) Health care authority;

32 (f) The department of social and health services;

33 (g) County juvenile courts;

34 (h) Schools; and

35 (i) Local law enforcement.

36 (3) The department shall track, monitor, and report on measures  
37 such as:

1        (a) Decreased out-of-home placement, ((including residential,  
2 group, and foster care, and increased stability of such placements,  
3 school attendance, school performance, recidivism,)) as well as  
4 decreased length of stay in such placements;

5        (b) Emergency room utilization((~~7~~));

6        (c) Involvement with the juvenile justice system((~~7~~, decreased));

7        (d) Use of psychotropic medication((~~7~~)); and ((decreased))

8        (e) Hospitalization between baseline and postimplementation  
9 periods.

10        ((~~6~~) The evidence-based practice institute shall provide a report  
11 and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
12 December 1, 2010.))

13        NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. For the duration of the implementation  
14 process of the wraparound with intensive services, the department of  
15 social and health services shall provide annual implementation reports  
16 to the office of financial management and the appropriate legislative  
17 committees on or before December 1st each year. Throughout the  
18 implementation process, and as services are phased in, the department  
19 shall seek input from local stakeholders to include families and youth,  
20 local government, tribal partners, and service providers on:

21        (1) The adequacy and availability of core services required for  
22 wraparound with intensive services within provider networks and shall  
23 engage in problem-solving around shortages or lack of quality core  
24 service availability;

25        (2) Performance measures, outcomes, and quality improvement  
26 relevant to children's behavioral health in Washington state; and

27        (3) Recommendations for participants in a local collaborative body  
28 to ensure that children, families, and other stakeholders have a clear  
29 pathway to receive intensive home and community-based wraparound  
30 services.

31        NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Beginning July 1, 2014, funding provided for  
32 the wraparound pilot programs must be repurposed toward the costs of  
33 phasing in an implementation of wraparound with intensive services.  
34 The department of social and health services shall prioritize service  
35 areas based on provider readiness and develop a schedule for phase-in  
36 by county."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment makes the following changes to the underlying bill:

Specifies that the Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) includes intensive care coordination, intensive home and community-based services, and mobile crisis intervention and stabilization services.

Requires DSHS to develop standards, policies and protocols to direct the implementation of WISe.

Specifies that DSHS will prioritize service areas based on provider readiness and develop a schedule for phase-in by county.

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