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SENATE BILL 5962

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By Senators Honeyford and King

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1 AN ACT Relating to services provided by residential habilitation  
2 centers; and amending RCW 71A.20.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.20.180 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 30 s 6 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 ~~((1) By December 31, 2011, the department shall:~~

7 ~~(a) Close Frances Haddon Morgan residential rehabilitation center  
8 and relocate current residents consistent with the requirements of  
9 section 7 of this act; and~~

10 ~~(b) Establish at least two state operating living alternatives on  
11 the campus of the Frances Haddon Morgan center, if residents have  
12 chosen to receive care in such a setting and subject to federal  
13 requirements related to the receipt of federal medicaid matching funds.~~

14 ~~(2)(a) Upon August 24, 2011, the department shall not permit any  
15 new admission to Yakima Valley School unless such admission is limited  
16 to the provision of short term respite or crisis stabilization  
17 services. Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, no current  
18 permanent resident of Yakima Valley School shall be required or~~

1 ~~compelled to relocate to a different care setting as a result of~~  
2 ~~chapter 30, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess.~~

3 ~~(b) The Yakima Valley School shall continue to operate as a~~  
4 ~~residential habilitation center until such time that the census of~~  
5 ~~permanent residents has reached sixteen persons. As part of the~~  
6 ~~closure plan, at least two cottages will be converted to state-operated~~  
7 ~~living alternatives, subject to federal requirements related to the~~  
8 ~~receipt of federal medicaid matching funds.~~

9 ~~(3) To assure the successful implementation of subsections (1) and~~  
10 ~~(2) of this section,)) The department, within available funds:~~

11 ~~((a))~~ (1) Shall establish state-operated living alternatives to  
12 provide community residential services to residential habilitation  
13 center residents transitioning to the community under chapter 30, Laws  
14 of 2011 1st sp. sess. who prefer a state-operated living alternative.  
15 The department shall offer residential habilitation center employees  
16 opportunities to work in state-operated living alternatives as they are  
17 established;

18 ~~((b))~~ (2) May use existing supported living program capacity in  
19 the community for former residential habilitation center residents who  
20 prefer and choose a supported living program;

21 ~~((c) Shall continue to staff and operate at Yakima Valley School~~  
22 ~~crisis stabilization beds and respite service beds at the existing bed~~  
23 ~~capacity as of June 1, 2011, for individuals with developmental~~  
24 ~~disabilities requiring such services;~~

25 ~~(d))~~ (3) Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis  
26 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based  
27 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the  
28 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services; ~~((and~~

29 ~~(e))~~ (4) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services  
30 evenly distributed throughout the state, such as dental care, physical  
31 therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care, which can  
32 be made available to former residents of residential habilitation  
33 centers and, within available funds, other individuals with  
34 developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

35 (5) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential  
36 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the

1 community with a goal of allowing clients to access services where they  
2 choose.

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