

SHB 2287 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
4 Travis alert act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the department of health, in collaboration with the
9 department of social and health services, the Washington state
10 patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and
11 the superintendent of public instruction, shall review existing local
12 training programs and design a statewide training program that will
13 familiarize first responders and 911 personnel with the techniques
14 for best handling situations in which persons with disabilities are
15 present at the scene of an emergency in order to maximize the safety
16 of persons with disabilities, minimize the likelihood of injury to
17 persons with disabilities, and promote the safety of all persons
18 present. The program must include a checklist of disabilities,
19 symptoms of such disabilities, and things to do and not do relevant
20 to a particular disability so first responders and emergency
21 personnel can easily and quickly determine the specific scenario into
22 which they are entering. The department shall make the training
23 program available to all first responder agencies in the state.

24 (2) For purposes of this section, "persons with disabilities"
25 means individuals who have been diagnosed with a physical, mental,
26 emotional, intellectual, behavioral, developmental, or sensory
27 disability.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52
29 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the director, through the state enhanced 911
3 coordinator, and in collaboration with the department of health, the
4 department of social and health services, the Washington state
5 patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, a
6 representative of a first responder organization with experience in
7 addressing the needs of a person with a disability, and other
8 individuals and entities at the discretion of the director, shall
9 assess:

10 (a) The resources, capabilities, and procedures available or
11 required in order to include as part of the enhanced 911 emergency
12 service the ability to allow an immediate display on the screen
13 indicating that a person with a disability may be present at the
14 scene of an emergency, the caller's identification, location, phone
15 number, address, and license plate number if made available, that is
16 linked to the caller, emergency contact information for others who
17 will know about the person with a disability such as siblings,
18 grandparents, friends, or neighbors, if made available, information
19 regarding alternative residences and vehicles a person with a
20 disability frequently or regularly lives or commutes in, if made
21 available, detailed information regarding the disability of the
22 person including a picture and physical description of a person, if
23 made available, and the name, address, and phone number of the
24 diagnosing physician, if made available;

25 (b) How best to acquire, implement, and safeguard the information
26 in the system provided by a person with a disability, or a parent,
27 guardian, or caretaker of a person with a disability, such as
28 requiring a person who chooses to use the system to submit proof of
29 the diagnosis of the disability by a licensed health care physician
30 along with the information listed in (a) of this subsection, and
31 allowing or requiring the person to update the information in the
32 system on a periodic basis in order to keep the information current;

33 (c) What information provided by a person should remain
34 confidential and how to best ensure such information remains
35 confidential, unless the person providing the information gives
36 written permission to release it for purposes of this act or the
37 information is otherwise releasable or available under other
38 provisions of law; and

39 (d) The need to provide various agencies and employees, which are
40 first responders and emergency personnel, immunity from civil

1 liability for acts or omissions in the performance of their duties,
2 and what standard should apply, such as if the act or omission is the
3 result of simple negligence, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

4 (2) For purposes of this section, "person with a disability"
5 means an individual who has been diagnosed with a physical, mental,
6 emotional, intellectual, behavioral, developmental, or sensory
7 disability."

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8 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "emergency;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
10 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; and creating a
11 new section."

EFFECT: The first responder training program and the assessment
of other changes needed to assist persons with disabilities at an
emergency scene are made subject to appropriated amounts. A review of
local training programs is added. A representative of a first
responder organization with experience in addressing the needs of a
person with a disability is added to assessment work group.

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