
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6467

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, O'Ban, Hasegawa, and Kuderer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program to allow certain
2 counties to provide additional family services through community
3 truancy boards and site secure crisis residential center facilities;
4 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the availability of funds
7 appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of homeless youth
8 prevention and protection programs, the office of the superintendent
9 of public instruction, and the office of juvenile justice or its
10 successor agency, in consultation with the Washington state center
11 for court research, must conduct a pilot program to address the
12 shortage of available secure crisis residential centers in the state
13 as alternatives to juvenile detention and the ability of community
14 truancy boards under chapter 28A.225 RCW to provide services to
15 prevent nonoffender youth from entering the juvenile court system.

16 (2) The pilot program must include three counties, two on the
17 western side of the Cascade mountain range and one on the eastern
18 side of the Cascade mountain range. Preferred counties to be
19 selected:

20 (a) Must have, according to the detention report provided by the
21 Washington state center for court research in response to chapter

1 205, Laws of 2016, the highest percentage use of detention for
2 nonoffender matters;

3 (b) Must have a high propensity to use a valid court order for
4 detention purposes;

5 (c) Must have not implemented juvenile detention alternatives
6 initiative strategies as part of its juvenile court system; and

7 (d) Do not have secure crisis residential centers that are
8 accessible or available.

9 (3)(a) The office of homeless youth prevention and protection
10 programs must allocate funds to the selected counties to be used to
11 site secure crisis residential centers that meet therapeutic
12 standards in order to make these centers more accessible and
13 available.

14 (b)(i) The office of the superintendent of public instruction
15 must allocate funds to community truancy boards in the selected
16 counties to provide families with evidence-based services and
17 treatments, including functional family therapy, when possible.

18 (ii) The office of juvenile justice, or its successor agency,
19 must allocate funds to community truancy boards in the selected
20 counties to provide families with case management services, including
21 the use of juvenile detention alternatives initiative strategies,
22 when possible. Any funds appropriated or distributed pursuant to this
23 subsection (3)(b)(ii) must not affect or impact those funds
24 appropriated to counties implementing juvenile detention alternatives
25 initiative strategies as of the effective date of this section.

26 (iii) A community truancy board may provide the services
27 described under (b)(i) and (ii) of this subsection directly or
28 contract out for such services as appropriate.

29 (4) The pilot program expires July 1, 2020.

30 (5) By January 1, 2021, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
31 office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs, the
32 office of the superintendent of public instruction, and the office of
33 juvenile justice or its successor agency, in consultation with the
34 Washington state center for court research, must submit a joint
35 report to the legislature that includes: The number of youth placed
36 in secure crisis residential centers; the number of youth and
37 families that received evidence-based practices or case management
38 services, or both; and any legislative recommendations.

1 (6) This section expires July 1, 2021.

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