

2SSB 5903 - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2873.1/19) **634**

By Representative Frame

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 25 of the striking amendment, after
2 "**Sec. 2.**" strike all material through "2020." on page 2, line 33 and
3 insert the following:

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5 "2018 c 175 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A children's mental health work group is established to
7 identify barriers to and opportunities for accessing mental health
8 services for children and families and to advise the legislature on
9 statewide mental health services for this population.

10 (2) The work group shall consist of members and alternates as
11 provided in this subsection. Members must represent the regional,
12 racial, and cultural diversity of all children and families in the
13 state. Members of the children's mental health work group created in
14 chapter 96, Laws of 2016, and serving on the work group as of
15 December 1, 2017, may continue to serve as members of the work group
16 without reappointment.

17 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member and one
18 alternate from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate.

19 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
20 one member and one alternate from each of the two largest caucuses
21 in the house of representatives.

22 (c) The governor shall appoint six members representing the
23 following state agencies and offices: The department of children,
24 youth, and families; the department of social and health services;
25 the health care authority; the department of health; the office of
26 homeless youth prevention and protection programs; and the office of
27 the governor.

1 (d) The governor shall appoint one member representing each of
2 the following:

3 (i) Behavioral health organizations;

4 (ii) Community mental health agencies;

5 (iii) Medicaid managed care organizations;

6 (iv) A regional provider of co-occurring disorder services;

7 (v) Pediatricians or primary care providers;

8 (vi) Providers specializing in infant or early childhood mental
9 health;

10 (vii) Child health advocacy groups;

11 (viii) Early learning and child care providers;

12 (ix) The evidence-based practice institute;

13 (x) Parents or caregivers who have been the recipient of early
14 childhood mental health services;

15 (xi) An education or teaching institution that provides training
16 for mental health professionals;

17 (xii) Foster parents;

18 (xiii) Providers of culturally and linguistically appropriate
19 health services to traditionally underserved communities;

20 (xiv) Pediatricians located east of the crest of the Cascade
21 mountains; and

22 (xv) Child psychiatrists.

23 (e) The governor shall request participation by a representative
24 of tribal governments.

25 (f) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint one
26 representative from the office of the superintendent of public
27 instruction.

28 (g) The insurance commissioner shall appoint one representative
29 from the office of the insurance commissioner.

30 (h) The work group shall choose its cochairs, one from among its
31 legislative members and one from among the executive branch members.
32 The representative from the health care authority shall convene at
33 least two, but not more than four, meetings of the work group each
34 year.

1 (i) The cochairst may invite additional members of the house of
2 representatives and the senate to participate in work group
3 activities, including as leaders of advisory groups to the work
4 group. These legislators are not required to be formally appointed
5 members of the work group in order to participate in or lead
6 advisory groups.

7 (3) The work group shall:

8 (a) Monitor the implementation of enacted legislation, programs,
9 and policies related to children's mental health, including provider
10 payment for depression screenings for youth and new mothers,
11 consultation services for child care providers caring for children
12 with symptoms of trauma, home visiting services, and streamlining
13 agency rules for providers of behavioral health services;

14 (b) Consider system strategies to improve coordination and
15 remove barriers between the early learning, K-12 education, and
16 health care systems; and

17 (c) Identify opportunities to remove barriers to treatment and
18 strengthen mental health service delivery for children and youth.

19 (4) At the direction of the cochairst, the work group may convene
20 advisory groups to evaluate specific issues and report related
21 findings and recommendations to the full work group.

22 (5) (a) The work group shall convene an advisory group to
23 develop a funding model for:

24 (i) The partnership access line activities described in RCW
25 71.24.061, including the partnership access line for moms and kids
26 and community referral facilitation;

27 (ii) Delivering partnership access line services to educational
28 service districts for the training and support of school staff
29 managing children with challenging behaviors; and

30 (iii) Expanding partnership access line consultation services to
31 include consultation for health care professionals serving adults.

32 (b) The work group cochairst shall invite representatives from
33 the following organizations and interests to participate as advisory
34 group members under this subsection:

1 (i) Private insurance carriers;
2 (ii) Medicaid managed care plans;
3 (iii) Self-insured organizations;
4 (iv) Seattle children's hospital;
5 (v) The partnership access line;
6 (vi) The office of the insurance commissioner;
7 (vii) The University of Washington school of medicine; and
8 (viii) Other organizations and individuals, as determined by the
9 cochairs.

10 (c) The funding model must build upon previous funding model
11 efforts by the health care authority, including work completed
12 pursuant to chapter 288, Laws of 2018. The funding model must:

13 (i) Determine the annual cost of operating the partnership
14 access line and its various components and collect a proportional
15 share of program cost from each health insurance carrier; and

16 (ii) Differentiate between partnership access line activities
17 eligible for medicaid funding and activities that are nonmedicaid
18 eligible.

19 (d) By December 1, 2019, the advisory group formed under this
20 subsection must deliver the funding model and any associated
21 recommendations to the work group.

22 ~~((+4))~~ (6) Staff support for the work group, including
23 administration of work group meetings and preparation of the updated
24 report required under subsection ~~((+6))~~ (8) of this section, must
25 be provided by the health care authority. Additional staff support
26 for legislative members of the work group may be provided by senate
27 committee services and the house of representatives office of
28 program research.

29 ~~((+5))~~ (7) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed
30 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
31 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if
32 they are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an
33 employer, governmental entity, or other organization. Any
34 reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter

1 43.03 RCW. Advisory group members who are not members of the work
2 group are not entitled to reimbursement.

3 ((+6+)) (8) The work group shall update the findings and
4 recommendations reported to the legislature by the children's mental
5 health work group in December 2016 pursuant to chapter 96, Laws of
6 2016. The work group must submit the updated report to the governor
7 and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2020.

8 ((+7+)) (9) This section expires December 30, 2020."
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10 On page 4, after line 35 of the striking amendment, insert the
11 following:

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13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Section 2 of this act is added to chapter
14 74.09 RCW."

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16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
17 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Allows the Children's Mental Health Work Group to form advisory groups. Permits the Work Group co-chairs to invite additional legislators to participate on and lead advisory groups. Requires the Work Group to form an advisory group to develop a funding model and recommendations related to activities of the Partnership Access Line. Stipulates that advisory group members who are not Work Group members are not entitled to reimbursement. Codifies the Work Group in Chapter 74.09 RCW.

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