

2SSB 5327 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Children, Youth & Families

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) (a) The children and youth behavioral health work group
6 established under RCW 74.09.4951 shall convene a youth safety and
7 well-being statewide reporting tool advisory group to review the
8 youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool work group
9 report completed by the attorney general in 2020.

10 (b) The youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool
11 advisory group shall first determine how a new youth safety and well-
12 being reporting tool would increase youth access to services. If the
13 youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool advisory group
14 finds that creation of a new youth safety and well-being reporting
15 tool is needed to increase youth access to services, the advisory
16 group shall consider the following elements related to implementing
17 the reporting tool:

18 (i) To what extent the youth safety and well-being statewide tool
19 would provide added support or duplicative efforts alongside other
20 reporting mechanisms, such as the:

21 (A) Universal telephone number within the United States
22 designated for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and
23 mental health crisis hotline system operating through the national
24 suicide prevention lifeline, also known as the 988 crisis hotline;

25 (B) National youth safety related hotlines;

26 (C) State child abuse reporting hotline; and

27 (D) Other national, state, or local youth safety and well-being
28 related hotlines;

29 (ii) If this youth safety and well-being reporting tool is
30 implemented, which state agency should be responsible for

1 implementation and whether that agency should allow for a private
2 contractor to manage the reporting tool;

3 (iii) How this reporting tool will be integrated with existing
4 services to support the safety and well-being of children;

5 (iv) What resources are needed to implement the reporting tool
6 and the cost-benefit of spending resources on a reporting tool or
7 expanding the services available to support youth safety and well-
8 being;

9 (v) How the reporting tool could focus on supporting youth safety
10 and well-being and limit a criminal justice response for the youth
11 who are subjects of the reporting tool;

12 (vi) The appropriate criteria used by the reporting tool to
13 determine referral of persons to service providers;

14 (vii) The threat assessment criteria used by the reporting tool
15 to determine immediate referral to law enforcement, child protective
16 services, behavioral health professionals, or other first responders;

17 (viii) The appropriate communication with education institutions,
18 local crisis services, law enforcement, and other entities;

19 (ix) Expected services needed, existing capacity, and who would
20 provide and pay for these services;

21 (x) The appropriate warm hand off protocols between the reporting
22 tool and service providers;

23 (xi) Appropriate confidentiality protections for the person
24 making the report and the subject of the report, including
25 protections related to the public records act, data retention
26 schedules, and data management;

27 (xii) State liability concerns related to creation and operation
28 of a reporting tool and the response or lack of a response provided
29 by the reporting tool;

30 (xiii) Integration with K-12 and higher education institutions;

31 (xiv) Evaluation mechanisms to review appropriateness of law
32 enforcement responses, behavioral health services, education
33 responses, and other responses;

34 (xv) The training needed for individuals operating the reporting
35 tool and the service providers and first responders contacted by the
36 reporting tool; and

37 (xvi) Marketing and outreach needed to inform the public about
38 the reporting tool.

39 (c) Staff support for the youth safety and well-being statewide
40 reporting tool advisory group, including administration of work group

1 meetings and preparation of full work group recommendations and
2 reports required under this section, must be provided by the health
3 care authority.

4 (d) The youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool
5 advisory group shall choose a chair who is a member of the
6 legislature or from among the members of the children and youth
7 behavioral health work group established under RCW 74.09.4951.

8 (2) By November 1, 2022, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
9 the youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool advisory
10 group to the children and youth behavioral health work group
11 established under RCW 74.09.4951 shall submit a report to the
12 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature that
13 details the review required under subsection (1) of this section and
14 includes recommendations regarding a youth safety and well-being tip
15 line based on that review.

16 (3) This section expires June 30, 2023."

17 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the underlying bill:

(1) Replaces the creation of the youth safety and well-being tip line with a requirement that the children and youth behavioral health work group convene a youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool advisory group to review the youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool work group report completed by the Attorney General's Office.

(2) Requires the youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool advisory group to first determine how a new youth safety and well-being reporting tool would increase youth access to services, and if the youth safety and well-being statewide reporting tool advisory group finds that creation of a new youth safety and well-being reporting tool is needed to increase youth access to services, the advisory group shall consider certain elements related to reporting tool implementation.

(3) Requires that the children and youth behavioral health work group submit a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2022, that details the review required above and includes recommendations regarding a youth safety and well-being tip line based on that review.

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