

SSB 5883 - S AMD 1019

By Senator Padden

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the attorney general
4 shall post on its website information related to the principle of
5 implied emancipation, also known as the mature minor rule, as
6 articulated in *Smith v. Seibly*, 72 Wn.2d (1967).

7 (2) The office of the attorney general shall solicit feedback on
8 the principle of implied emancipation from health care providers and
9 potentially impacted parties.

10 (3) By January 1, 2023, the office of the attorney general shall
11 submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on
12 the principle of implied emancipation and its application to homeless
13 youth that includes model policies, findings, recommendations,
14 information on different policies applied by health care providers,
15 and feedback from health care providers pursuant to subsection (2) of
16 this section. Recommendations may take the form of draft legislation.

17 (4) For purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW
19 7.70.020.

20 (b) "Homeless" means without a fixed, regular, and adequate
21 nighttime residence as set forth in the federal McKinney-Vento
22 homeless education assistance improvements act of 2001, P.L. 107-110,
23 January 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2005.

24 (c) "Youth" means an unemancipated individual who is under the
25 chronological age of 18 years."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "advising health care providers on
3 the mature minor rule; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Strikes the proposed substitute bill.

(2) Requires the Attorney General's Office to post information on the Mature Minor Doctrine on their website for health care providers and potentially impacted parties.

(3) Requires the Attorney General's Office to report to the legislature on its findings and recommendations.

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