

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1237

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Defining family resource centers.

Sponsors: Representatives Eslick, Senn, Leavitt, Callan, Ortiz-Self, Rude, Davis, Santos, Rule, Goodman and Riccelli.

House Committee on Children, Youth & Families
Senate Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation

Background:

The term "family resource center" ("FRC") generally refers to community-based resource hubs where families can access formal and informal supports to promote their health and well-being. These FRCs are sometimes located in apartment complexes, schools, health centers, libraries, community centers, storefronts, and churches, among other places.

The National Family Support Network (NFSN) is made up of statewide networks of two or more family support and strengthening programs, such as FRCs. According to the NFSN, FRCs most commonly offer parenting support, access to resources, child development activities, and parent leadership development services.

Other terms are sometimes used to describe the same type of services provided by an FRC, such as:

- family support center (FSC);
- family center;
- family success center; and
- parent child center.

There are a number of FRCs or FSCs throughout Washington.

Summary:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

A "family resource center" ("FRC") is defined to mean a unified single point of entry where families, individuals, children, and youth in communities can obtain information, an assessment of needs, and referral to, or direct delivery of family services in a manner that is welcoming and strength-based. An FRC is designed to meet the needs, cultures, and interests of the communities the FRC serves.

Family services may be delivered directly to a family at the FRC by the FRC staff or by providers who contract with or have provider agreements with the FRC.

Each FRC must have one or more family advocates who screen and assess a family's needs and strengths.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	94	1
Senate	49	0

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