
SENATE BILL 6122

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1 AN ACT Relating to enacting planning measures and strategies that
2 provide for future long-term service and support needs of people with
3 intellectual and developmental disabilities in Washington state; and
4 creating new sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature makes the following findings
7 based on the July 31, 2013, state auditor's report:

8 (1) Over twenty thousand five hundred individuals with
9 developmental disabilities receive services from the state, while an
10 additional fifteen thousand who meet financial and physical eligibility
11 requirements do not currently receive any services from the state (no
12 paid services caseload);

13 (2) Families are the major care provider of their family member
14 with a developmental disability;

15 (3) Washington has a complex, severely underfunded service system;

16 (4) Washington serves fewer people who have a developmental
17 disability than the national average and is ranked thirty-eighth in the
18 nation for the state fiscal effort for funding of developmental
19 disabilities services;

1 (5) The majority of people who have the highest activities of daily
2 living, behavioral, and medical needs live at home with their family;

3 (6) Washington spends less per person on home and community-based
4 waivers than the national average;

5 (7) Washington needs to expand its community capacity for respite,
6 crisis stabilization, and peer support networks.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By January 1, 2015, the developmental
8 disabilities administration of the department of social and health
9 services shall identify stakeholders to participate in work groups, at
10 their own expense, to complete the following and report to the
11 appropriate committees of the legislature on issues raised in the July
12 31, 2013, state auditor's report which includes:

13 (1) Providing various community funding scenarios to phase in
14 serving the fifteen thousand people on the no paid services waitlist
15 caseload;

16 (2) Developing strategies to expand data gathered during the
17 initial developmental disabilities application process to improve
18 waitlist management;

19 (3) Identifying ways to streamline the eligibility and assessment
20 processes that ensure fairness for services provided by the
21 developmental disabilities administration;

22 (4) Providing different options that address the need for more
23 community crisis and respite support for individuals and families;

24 (5) Identifying the resources and models needed to expand community
25 peer support networks so that they can provide greater support to
26 people receiving limited services or waiting for services;

27 (6) Reviewing how other states use shared support hours for
28 community living;

29 (7) Identifying additional community residential options;

30 (8) Identifying strategies to increase employment hours and wages
31 for individuals employed;

32 (9) Reviewing current community access rules and identifying ways
33 to increase hours of service;

34 (10) Developing strategies to address retaining an adequate
35 workforce;

36 (11) Identifying ways to streamline the developmental disabilities
37 system to make it easier and more accessible to navigate;

1 (12) Identifying mechanisms for improved contract monitoring and
2 quality assurance;

3 (13) Researching and analyzing moving the developmental
4 disabilities system to a managed care approach and to more self-
5 direction;

6 (14) Identifying the various medicaid waiver and state plan options
7 that could make better use of state funds while making the service
8 delivery system more accessible to people in need of the services.

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