
SENATE BILL 6636

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By Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to monitoring vaccine adverse events; and adding
2 a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
6 otherwise.

7 (1) "Adverse event" means a health problem that occurs after
8 vaccination that may or may not be caused by a vaccine.

9 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

10 (3) "Health care provider" means the same as in RCW 48.43.005.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department shall establish a
12 vaccine adverse event reporting system that is designed to facilitate
13 quality improvement in the health care system, improve patient
14 safety, and assist the public in making informed health care choices.

15 (2)(a) When a health care provider is made aware of an adverse
16 event, they shall, within forty-eight hours, submit notification of
17 the event to the department, with the date, type of adverse event,
18 and any additional contextual information the provider deems
19 relevant.

1 (b) The health care provider may amend the notification within
2 sixty days of the submission.

3 (3) The notification must be filed in a format specified by the
4 department.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department shall:

6 (1) Collect all data received through the reporting system and
7 produce a report on an annual basis that is made available on the
8 department's web site detailing the number and types of events
9 associated with each type of vaccine;

10 (2) Watch for unexpected or unusual patterns in adverse event
11 notifications and investigate events when necessary;

12 (3) Adopt rules as necessary to implement this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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