
SENATE BILL 6644

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot project to provide grants to
2 low-income families to receive financial support for acquiring legal
3 services to assist with the guardianship appointment process; adding
4 a new section to chapter 2.53 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 2.53 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) A pilot project is established to create a grant program for
9 low-income families to receive financial support for acquiring legal
10 services to assist with the guardianship appointment process provided
11 in chapters 11.88 and 11.130 RCW. The pilot project must start August
12 1, 2020, and end July 1, 2022.

13 (2) The office of civil legal aid shall administer and implement
14 the pilot project in two separate counties and shall collaborate with
15 one or more nonprofit entities with experience assisting in the
16 guardianship appointment process.

17 (3) The office of civil legal aid shall provide oversight and
18 administrative support for the pilot project. No more than five
19 percent of the funding provided for the pilot project may be used by
20 the office for the purposes of this subsection.

1 (4) The office of civil legal aid shall submit a report regarding
2 the pilot project to the governor and the appropriate committees of
3 the legislature. The report must be submitted by December 1, 2021,
4 and must include a recommendation on whether the pilot project should
5 be continued, expanded, or discontinued.

6 (5) This section expires July 1, 2022.

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