
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5243

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, King, Keiser, Conway, and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to services provided by residential habilitation
2 centers; and amending RCW 71A.20.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.20.180 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 30 s 6 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 ~~((1) By December 31, 2011, the department shall:~~

7 ~~(a) Close Frances Haddon Morgan residential rehabilitation center
8 and relocate current residents consistent with the requirements of
9 section 7 of this act; and~~

10 ~~(b) Establish at least two state operating living alternatives on
11 the campus of the Frances Haddon Morgan center, if residents have
12 chosen to receive care in such a setting and subject to federal
13 requirements related to the receipt of federal medicaid matching
14 funds.~~

15 ~~(2)(a) Upon August 24, 2011, the department shall not permit any
16 new admission to Yakima Valley School unless such admission is
17 limited to the provision of short-term respite or crisis
18 stabilization services. Except as provided in (b) of this subsection,
19 no current permanent resident of Yakima Valley School shall be
20 required or compelled to relocate to a different care setting as a
21 result of chapter 30, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess.~~

1 ~~(b))~~ (1) The Yakima Valley School shall ~~((continue to))~~ operate
2 as a residential habilitation center ~~((until such time that the~~
3 ~~census of permanent residents has reached sixteen persons. As part of~~
4 ~~the closure plan, at least two cottages will be converted to state-~~
5 ~~operated living alternatives, subject to federal requirements related~~
6 ~~to the receipt of federal medicaid matching funds))~~. The Yakima
7 Valley School must use its facilities to develop an evaluation and
8 treatment center and to provide evaluation and treatment crisis
9 services. The Yakima Valley School must also operate crisis
10 stabilization beds and respite service beds as the capacity of the
11 school allows and as the needs of the community require.

12 ~~((3) To assure the successful implementation of subsections (1)~~
13 ~~and (2) of this section,))~~ (2) The department, within available
14 funds:

15 (a) Shall establish state-operated living alternatives to provide
16 community residential services to residential habilitation center
17 residents transitioning to the community under chapter 30, Laws of
18 2011 1st sp. sess. who prefer a state-operated living alternative.
19 The department shall offer residential habilitation center employees
20 opportunities to work in state-operated living alternatives as they
21 are established;

22 (b) May use existing supported living program capacity in the
23 community for former residential habilitation center residents who
24 prefer and choose a supported living program;

25 ~~(c) ((Shall continue to staff and operate at Yakima Valley School~~
26 ~~crisis stabilization beds and respite service beds at the existing~~
27 ~~bed capacity as of June 1, 2011, for individuals with developmental~~
28 ~~disabilities requiring such services;~~

29 ~~(d))~~ Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis
30 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based
31 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the
32 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services; ~~((and~~

33 ~~(e))~~ (d) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services
34 evenly distributed throughout the state, such as dental care,
35 physical therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care,
36 which can be made available to former residents of residential
37 habilitation centers and, within available funds, other individuals
38 with developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

39 (e) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential
40 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the

1 community with a goal of allowing clients to access services where
2 they choose.

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