
SENATE BILL 5962

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By Senator Honeyford

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 funds.~~

14 ~~(2)(a) Upon August 24, 2011, the department shall not permit any~~
15 ~~new admission to Yakima Valley School unless such admission is limited~~
16 ~~to the provision of short term respite or crisis stabilization~~
17 ~~services. Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, no current~~
18 ~~permanent resident of Yakima Valley School shall be required or~~

1 ~~compelled to relocate to a different care setting as a result of~~
2 ~~chapter 30, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess.~~

3 ~~(b) The Yakima Valley School shall continue to operate as a~~
4 ~~residential habilitation center until such time that the census of~~
5 ~~permanent residents has reached sixteen persons. As part of the~~
6 ~~closure plan, at least two cottages will be converted to state-operated~~
7 ~~living alternatives, subject to federal requirements related to the~~
8 ~~receipt of federal medicaid matching funds.~~

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

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

18 ~~((b))~~ (2) May use existing supported living program capacity in
19 the community for former residential habilitation center residents who
20 prefer and choose a supported living program;

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

25 ~~(d))~~ (3) Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis
26 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based
27 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the
28 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services; ~~((and~~

29 ~~(e))~~ (4) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services
30 evenly distributed throughout the state, such as dental care, physical
31 therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care, which can
32 be made available to former residents of residential habilitation
33 centers and, within available funds, other individuals with
34 developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

35 (5) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential
36 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the

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

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