

In conducting this study, the superintendent of public instruction shall include data regarding the categorical education services and students engaged in at least the following programs: Federal chapter 1 disadvantaged and chapter 1 migrant, bilingual, the state remediation assistance program, and the federal and state special education programs.

An advisory committee consisting of legislators and representatives of education organizations concerned with the delivery of categorical instructional services and regular classroom instruction shall be appointed. Representatives of the instructional organizations shall be appointed by the superintendent of public instruction. There shall be four representatives of the legislature. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member from each caucus to represent the house of representatives on the advisory committee. The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each caucus to represent the senate on the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall review the resulting recommendations of the study and present its position on each to the superintendent of public instruction.

This section shall expire January 30, 1987.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The study shall be completed and results and recommendations for investigation of systems refining categorical education services through data-based pilot projects shall be reported to the legislature no later than January 5, 1987.

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CHAPTER 140

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1986]

ADOPTED CHILDREN—INSURANCE COVERAGE

AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage for adopted children; adding a new section to chapter 48.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 48.01 RCW to read as follows:

A child of an insured, subscriber, or enrollee shall be considered a dependent child for insurance purposes under this title: (1) Upon being physically placed with the insured, subscriber, or enrollee for the purposes of adoption under the laws of the state in which the insured, subscriber, or enrollee resides; and (2) upon assumption by the insured, subscriber, or enrollee of the financial responsibility for the medical expenses of the child.

Eligibility for coverage of an adopted child is governed by applicable contract, policy, or agreement provisions with respect to dependent children, including any established underwriting guidelines.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any disability insurance contract providing hospital and medical expenses and health care services, delivered or issued for delivery in this state, which provides coverage for dependent children, as defined in the contract of the insured, shall cover adoptive children placed with the insured on the same basis as other dependents, as provided in section 1 of this act.

(2) If payment of an additional premium is required to provide coverage for a child, the contract may require that notification of placement of a child for adoption and payment of the required premium must be furnished to the insurer. The notification period shall be no less than sixty days from the date of placement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any group disability insurance contract, except a blanket disability insurance contract, providing hospital and medical expenses and health care services, delivered or issued for delivery in this state, which provides coverage for dependent children, as defined in the contract of the insured, shall cover adoptive children placed with the insured on the same basis as other dependents, as provided in section 1 of this act.

(2) If payment of an additional premium is required to provide coverage for a child, the contract may require that notification of placement of a child for adoption and payment of the required premium must be furnished to the insurer. The notification period shall be no less than sixty days from the date of placement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any health care service contract under this chapter delivered or issued for delivery in this state, which provides coverage for dependent children, as defined in the contract of the subscriber, shall cover adoptive children placed with the subscriber on the same basis as other dependents, as provided in section 1 of this act.

(2) If payment of an additional premium is required to provide coverage for a child, the contract may require that notification of placement of a child for adoption and payment of the required premium must be furnished to the health care services contractor. The notification period shall be no less than sixty days from the date of placement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Any health maintenance agreement under this chapter which provides coverage for dependent children, as defined in the agreement of the enrolled participant, shall cover adoptive children placed with the enrolled participant on the same basis as other dependents, as provided in section 1 of this act.

(2) If payment of an additional premium is required to provide coverage for a child, the agreement may require that notification of placement of a child for adoption and payment of the required premium must be furnished to the health maintenance organization. The notification period shall be no less than sixty days from the date of placement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 1987, and shall apply to all contracts or agreements issued, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 1987.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 141

[Substitute House Bill No. 2080]

DAY CARE SERVICES—INSURERS—JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

AN ACT Relating to day care service providers; adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Day care service providers have experienced major problems in both the availability and affordability of liability insurance. Premiums for such insurance policies have recently grown as much as five hundred percent and the availability of such insurance in Washington markets has greatly diminished.

The availability of quality day care is essential to achieving such goals as increased work force productivity, family self-sufficiency, and protection for children at risk due to poverty and abuse. The unavailability of adequate liability insurance threatens to decrease the availability of day care services.

This chapter is intended to remedy the problem of unavailable liability insurance for day care services by requiring all insurers authorized to write commercial or professional liability insurance to be members of a joint underwriting association created to provide liability insurance for day care services.