

SB 265 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2022, concerning residential programs, as specified. Sunsets January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Useful relating clause that may be needed as companion to another measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment dated 4/5/21] Replaces the measure. Directs DHS to ensure that personnel in residential programs serving publicly placed youth are certified in nonviolent crisis intervention as soon as practicable. Requires DHS to provide three levels of certification for trainees, a stipend, and reimbursement of expenses to attend training. Directs DHS to ensure a minimum of 20 instructors are certified by July 1, 2022. Requires instructors to commit to providing three trainings per year for at least two years. Requires DHS provide funding for a recreational program to train two staff persons for every one staff person the program pays to train. Requires recipient program to submit a plan to maintain current and future certifications to DHS. Directs DHS to report to the legislature by October 1, 2021, and January 1, April 1 and July 1 of 2022. Appropriates \$750,000 General Fund to the Emergency Board for allocation to DHS. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: