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**SENATE BILL 5943**

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**By** Senator Gildon

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a resource data tool to connect  
2 Washington residents to services and resources; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 43.211 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington  
6 residents would benefit from having a quick and seamless digital way  
7 to connect to services and that state agencies should explore  
8 opportunities to provide such services in a way that builds off of  
9 the work of their peers by maximizing the state's investments and  
10 reducing the duplication of staff efforts in the provision of  
11 services. The legislature finds that the advisory group created in  
12 this act will have the expertise and experience to bring together  
13 ideas for developing a resource data tool, which includes a mobile  
14 application and web portal, that may assist Washington residents in  
15 gaining access to a variety of existing services, such as social,  
16 behavioral health, and housing services. While many providers, both  
17 public and private, currently offer these types of services in  
18 Washington, the residents of our state do not always have an easy way  
19 to learn more about, and use, those services. It is the intent of the  
20 legislature that the advisory group created in this act will  
21 collaborate with WIN 211, as defined in RCW 43.211.020, in providing

1 a plan for developing a resource data tool that will easily connect  
2 Washingtonians to the services they may need and that will ensure the  
3 services are provided in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
5 appropriated for this specific purpose, WIN 211 shall develop and  
6 implement a resource data tool. The development of the resource data  
7 tool must be performed in collaboration with the advisory group  
8 created in section 3 of this act.

9 (2) The resource data tool developed by WIN 211 shall include a  
10 mobile application for the purpose of assisting users in accessing  
11 state and private resources and services. The mobile application must  
12 be named "Whole WA."

13 (3) Before a state agency, department, or funded program that  
14 provides health and human services establishes a new public community  
15 resource database, internet-based directory, or mobile application,  
16 the state agency, department, or program shall consult with WIN 211  
17 about accessing resource data through the "Whole WA" resource data  
18 tool to ensure no duplication of service or cost to the state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
20 appropriated for this specific purpose, WIN 211 shall convene a  
21 "Whole WA" advisory group. The advisory group shall be composed of  
22 experts, interested parties, and other similar stakeholders, convened  
23 by WIN 211. The purpose of the advisory group created in this section  
24 is to develop a plan and framework for launching the resource data  
25 tool, including a web portal and mobile application, making public  
26 and private services and programs more accessible. The advisory group  
27 created in this section shall complete development and launch of the  
28 resource data tool no later than January 1, 2025. The advisory group  
29 created in this section is dissolved upon the expiration of this  
30 section.

31 (2) This section expires January 1, 2025.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each  
33 added to chapter 43.211 RCW.

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