
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6766

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the accreditation of the department of social
2 and health services children's administration offices; adding a new
3 section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and repealing RCW 74.13.017.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) All field offices and the headquarters office of the children's
8 administration in the department shall become accredited by a
9 nationally recognized child welfare accrediting entity no later than
10 December 31, 2008.

11 (2) If an unexpected fatality or near fatality of a child receiving
12 care or services from a particular field office occurs, the department
13 shall notify the accrediting entity of this fact within six months of
14 occurrence of the fatality or near fatality. Upon completion of the
15 review of the fatality or near fatality, the department shall forward
16 the report of the review to the accrediting entity. Upon receipt of
17 the report, the accrediting entity shall determine the need for a
18 remedial visit. If the accrediting entity determines a remedial visit
19 is indicated, during the visit it shall assess the implementation of

1 the corrective actions identified in the fatality or near fatality
2 report and determine whether it needs to take any action regarding the
3 state's accreditation status.

4 (3) For purposes of this section, "near fatality" has the same
5 meaning as that stated in RCW 74.13.500(4).

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.13.017 (Accreditation--Completion
7 date) and 2003 c 207 s 8 & 2001 c 265 s 2 are each repealed.

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