FINAL BILL REPORT SSB 5510

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding notification in dependency matters.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Swecker and Shin).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services

Background: The dependency statute provides in a number of places that various persons are to receive notice for a number of different hearings; however, the statutes do not require that parents receive written notice of the consequences of their failure to participate in services.

Summary: A standard single-page notice must be attached to all Individual Services and Safety Plans prepared in children's dependency cases reminding parents of the importance of engaging in services, complying with court orders, and maintaining contact with the child during the pendency of the case.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0 98 (House amended) House 0 Senate (Senate refused to concur) House 92 2 (House amended) 48 0 (Senate concurred) Senate

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