
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2662

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Patterson, Cooke, Tokuda, Dickerson, Stevens, Boldt, Lambert, Carrell, Brown, Chopp and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to education in the recognition of symptoms of drug
2 and alcohol dependency in patients; amending RCW 74.14B.010; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
6 children's services caseworkers receive training to permit them to
7 recognize the symptoms of drug and alcohol dependency in parents and
8 adult caretakers of abused, neglected, and dependent children. The
9 legislature intends through this training that caseworkers will be
10 better prepared to protect children.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.14B.010 and 1987 c 503 s 8 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Caseworkers employed in children services shall meet minimum
14 standards established by the department of social and health services.
15 Comprehensive training for caseworkers shall be completed before such
16 caseworkers are assigned to case-carrying responsibilities without
17 direct supervision. The comprehensive training must include the
18 recognition of symptoms of drug and alcohol dependency in department

- 1 clients and parents and adult caretakers of dependent children.
- 2 Intermittent, part-time, and standby workers shall be subject to the
- 3 same minimum standards and training.

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