

1860-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Dickerson, Boldt,
McDonald, Regala, Costa, Mason, Anderson, Kessler and Ogden)

Brief Title: Requiring full disclosure of medical and psychological
history to prospective adopting parents.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/97)

Provides that, any person, agency, organization, or public agency that places a child for foster or adoptive placement and fails to use reasonable care to obtain and disclose the complete medical and psychological history of the child and the biological parents as required by RCW 26.33.350 and 26.33.385 is liable to the foster or adoptive parents for damages, including the cost of caring for the child and for emotional distress. The amount of damages shall not be limited by the fact that the child reaches the age of majority if the adoptive child remains dependent upon the parents by reason of his or her medical or psychological handicaps.