

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5393

As Passed Senate, March 6, 2001

Title: An act relating to truancy records.

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to truancy records.

Sponsors: Senators Long, Kline and Kohl-Welles; by request of Administrator for the Courts.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/2/01 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/6/01, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Carlson, Franklin, Hewitt, Kastama, Long and Stevens.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: The Judicial Information System (JIS) currently contains information relating to juvenile truancy. The courts have no need to maintain juvenile truancy records for a juvenile who has no other case history, after the juvenile is no longer subject to the compulsory attendance laws.

Summary of Bill: The courts must remove juvenile truancy records when the juvenile involved is no longer subject to the compulsory attendance laws, and the juvenile has no other case history.

County clerks who are responsible for maintaining this information are not responsible for its unauthorized release by agencies or personnel over which they have no control, nor are they responsible for the accuracy of such information provided by litigants or others required to provide it.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 29, 2001.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: There is no need to keep this information in court related records.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Janet McLane, Office of the Administrator for the Courts (pro); Debbie Wilke, Washington Association of County Officials (pro).

House Amendment(s): The term ~~sex~~– is inserted in place of the word ~~sex~~– in describing the information that must be included in the petition.