
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2792

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Boldt, Dickerson, Shabro, Darneille, Roach, Pettigrew, Bailey, Cody, McIntire, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Chase, Kenney and Morrell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to collaboration among public and private providers
2 of child welfare services; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that both the
5 department of social and health services and community-based agencies
6 play integral roles in protecting and supporting vulnerable children
7 and youth throughout the state. By strengthening collaboration on
8 decision making and service delivery, the department and community-
9 based agencies can improve services for families by ensuring consistent
10 availability and implementation of programs throughout the state and
11 can ensure the best utilization of available funds to meet the needs of
12 Washington's families.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to establish a process to
14 ensure collaboration of department of social and health services staff
15 and community-based agency staff in the provision of services to
16 families involved in the child welfare system across the state.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of social and health
18 services shall convene regional and local department staff and

1 community-based agency staff to develop recommended policies and
2 protocols concerning collaborative decision making relating to both
3 administrative processes and services provided to families, including,
4 but not limited to, contracting practices, referral practices, and
5 resource allocation.

6 (2) The department of social and health services shall submit its
7 recommended policies and protocols developed pursuant to subsection (1)
8 of this section to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
9 legislature by December 1, 2004.

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