

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5583** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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1 AN ACT Relating to older children who are victims of abuse or
2 neglect; and adding new sections to chapter 26.44 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Within existing resources, the department shall develop a
7 curriculum designed to train staff of the department's children's
8 administration who assess or provide services to adolescents on how to
9 screen and respond to referrals to child protective services when those
10 referrals may involve victims of abuse or neglect between the ages of
11 eleven and eighteen. At a minimum, the curriculum developed pursuant
12 to this section shall include:

13 (a) Review of relevant laws and regulations, including the
14 requirement that the department investigate complaints if a parent's or
15 caretaker's actions result in serious physical or emotional harm or
16 present an imminent risk of serious harm to any person under eighteen;

17 (b) Review of policies of the department's children's
18 administration that require assessment and screening of abuse and
19 neglect referrals on the basis of risk and not age;

1 (c) Explanation of safety assessment and risk assessment models;
2 (d) Case studies of situations in which the department has received
3 reports of alleged abuse or neglect of older children and adolescents;
4 (e) Discussion of best practices in screening and responding to
5 referrals involving older children and adolescents; and

6 (f) Discussion of how abuse and neglect referrals related to
7 adolescents are investigated and when law enforcement must be notified.

8 (2) As it develops its curriculum pursuant to this section, the
9 department shall request that the office of the family and children's
10 ombudsman review and comment on its proposed training materials. The
11 department shall consider the comments and recommendations of the
12 office of the family and children's ombudsman as it develops the
13 curriculum required by this section.

14 (3) The department shall complete the curriculum materials required
15 by this section no later than December 31, 2005.

16 (4) Within existing resources, the department shall incorporate
17 training on the curriculum developed pursuant to this section into
18 existing training for child protective services workers who screen
19 intake calls, children's administration staff responsible for assessing
20 or providing services to older children and adolescents, and all new
21 employees of the children's administration responsible for assessing or
22 providing services to older children and adolescents.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The department shall review a sampling of the screening
26 decisions by child protective services related to children between the
27 ages of eleven and eighteen on a quarterly basis through June 30, 2007.
28 The sampling shall consist of not less than the proportionate share of
29 the two and one-half percent of all screening decisions regularly
30 reviewed by the department that are related to children between the
31 ages of eleven and eighteen. The sampling shall be representative of
32 the diversity of screening decisions related to children between the
33 ages of eleven and eighteen.

34 (2) The department shall use the results of the quarterly reviews
35 required by this section to improve practice and to improve the
36 curriculum required by section 1 of this act. The department shall

1 also report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
2 legislature on the quarterly reviews required by this section on August
3 1, 2006, and August 1, 2007.

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