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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5565** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Carrell, Keiser, Harper, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/13.

1            AN ACT Relating to background checks; amending RCW 74.13.020 and  
2 13.34.065; reenacting and amending RCW 74.13.020; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 74.13 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective  
4 date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the goals of  
7 the child welfare system are the safety, permanence, and well-being of  
8 the children it serves. The legislature further recognizes the  
9 importance of background checks conducted by the department of social  
10 and health services to assess an individual's character, suitability,  
11 and competence to determine whether an individual is appropriate to be  
12 provided a license under chapter 74.13 RCW or have unsupervised access  
13 to children. The legislature does not intend to change the current  
14 secretary of social and health services' list of crimes and negative  
15 actions. However, the legislature believes that either an unreasonable  
16 delay in a determination of whether to approve or deny a license under  
17 chapter 74.13 RCW or unsupervised access to children, when such  
18 unreasonable delay or denial is based solely on a crime or civil

1 infraction not directly related to child safety, is not appropriate and  
2 is not in the best interest of the children being served by the child  
3 welfare system.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In determining the character, suitability, and competence of an  
7 individual, the department may not:

8 (a) Deny or delay a license or approval of unsupervised access to  
9 children to an individual solely because of a crime or civil infraction  
10 involving the individual or entity revealed in the background check  
11 process that is not on the secretary's list of crimes and negative  
12 actions and is not related directly to child safety, permanence, or  
13 well-being; or

14 (b) Delay the issuance of a license or approval of unsupervised  
15 access to children by requiring the individual to obtain records  
16 relating to a crime or civil infraction revealed in the background  
17 check process that is not on the secretary's list of crimes and  
18 negative actions and is not related directly to child safety,  
19 permanence, or well-being and is not a permanent disqualifier pursuant  
20 to department rule.

21 (2) If the department determines that an individual does not  
22 possess the character, suitability, or competence to provide care or  
23 have unsupervised access to a child, it must provide the reasons for  
24 its decision in writing with copies of the records or documents related  
25 to its decision to the individual within ten days of making the  
26 decision.

27 (3) For purposes of this section, "individual" means a relative as  
28 defined in RCW 74.15.020(2)(a), an "other suitable person" under  
29 chapter 13.34 RCW, a person pursuing licensing as a foster parent, or  
30 a person employed or seeking employment by a business or organization  
31 licensed by the department or with whom the department has a contract  
32 to provide care, supervision, case management, or treatment of children  
33 in the care of the department. "Individual" does not include long-term  
34 care workers defined in RCW 74.39A.009(17)(a) whose background checks  
35 are conducted as provided in RCW 74.39A.056.

36 (4) The department or its officers, agents, or employees may not be  
37 held civilly liable based upon its decision to grant or deny

1    unsupervised access to children if the background information it relied  
2    upon at the time the decision was made did not indicate that child  
3    safety, permanence, or well-being would be a concern.

4        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
5    to read as follows:

6        The department shall charge a fee to process a request made by a  
7    person in another state for an individual's child abuse or neglect  
8    history in this state or other background history on the individual  
9    possessed by the department. All proceeds from the fees collected must  
10   go directly to aiding the cost associated with the department  
11   conducting background checks.

12       **Sec. 4.**   RCW 74.13.020 and 2012 c 205 s 12 are each amended to read  
13   as follows:

14        For purposes of this chapter:

15        (1) "Case management" means convening family meetings, developing,  
16    revising, and monitoring implementation of any case plan or individual  
17    service and safety plan, coordinating and monitoring services needed by  
18    the child and family, caseworker-child visits, family visits, and the  
19    assumption of court-related duties, excluding legal representation,  
20    including preparing court reports, attending judicial hearings and  
21    permanency hearings, and ensuring that the child is progressing toward  
22    permanency within state and federal mandates, including the Indian  
23    child welfare act.

24        (2) "Child" means:

25        (a) A person less than eighteen years of age; or

26        (b) A person age eighteen to twenty-one years who is eligible to  
27    receive the extended foster care services authorized under RCW  
28    74.13.031.

29        (3) "Child protective services" has the same meaning as in RCW  
30    26.44.020.

31        (4) "Child welfare services" means social services including  
32    voluntary and in-home services, out-of-home care, case management, and  
33    adoption services which strengthen, supplement, or substitute for,  
34    parental care and supervision for the purpose of:

35        (a) Preventing or remedying, or assisting in the solution of

1 problems which may result in families in conflict, or the neglect,  
2 abuse, exploitation, or criminal behavior of children;

3 (b) Protecting and caring for dependent, abused, or neglected  
4 children;

5 (c) Assisting children who are in conflict with their parents, and  
6 assisting parents who are in conflict with their children, with  
7 services designed to resolve such conflicts;

8 (d) Protecting and promoting the welfare of children, including the  
9 strengthening of their own homes where possible, or, where needed;

10 (e) Providing adequate care of children away from their homes in  
11 foster family homes or day care or other child care agencies or  
12 facilities.

13 "Child welfare services" does not include child protection  
14 services.

15 (5) "Committee" means the child welfare transformation design  
16 committee.

17 (6) "Department" means the department of social and health  
18 services.

19 (7) "Extended foster care services" means residential and other  
20 support services the department is authorized to provide to foster  
21 children. These services include, but are not limited to, placement in  
22 licensed, relative, or otherwise approved care, or supervised  
23 independent living settings; assistance in meeting basic needs;  
24 independent living services; medical assistance; and counseling or  
25 treatment.

26 (8) "Measurable effects" means a statistically significant change  
27 which occurs as a result of the service or services a supervising  
28 agency is assigned in a performance-based contract, in time periods  
29 established in the contract.

30 (9) "Out-of-home care services" means services provided after the  
31 shelter care hearing to or for children in out-of-home care, as that  
32 term is defined in RCW 13.34.030, and their families, including the  
33 recruitment, training, and management of foster parents, the  
34 recruitment of adoptive families, and the facilitation of the adoption  
35 process, family reunification, independent living, emergency shelter,  
36 residential group care, and foster care, including relative placement.

37 (10) "Performance-based contracting" means the structuring of all  
38 aspects of the procurement of services around the purpose of the work

1 to be performed and the desired results with the contract requirements  
2 set forth in clear, specific, and objective terms with measurable  
3 outcomes. Contracts shall also include provisions that link the  
4 performance of the contractor to the level and timing of reimbursement.

5 (11) "Permanency services" means long-term services provided to  
6 secure a child's safety, permanency, and well-being, including foster  
7 care services, family reunification services, adoption services, and  
8 preparation for independent living services.

9 (12) "Primary prevention services" means services which are  
10 designed and delivered for the primary purpose of enhancing child and  
11 family well-being and are shown, by analysis of outcomes, to reduce the  
12 risk to the likelihood of the initial need for child welfare services.

13 (13) "Supervising agency" means an agency licensed by the state  
14 under RCW 74.15.090, or licensed by a federally recognized Indian tribe  
15 located in this state under RCW 74.15.190, that has entered into a  
16 performance-based contract with the department to provide case  
17 management for the delivery and documentation of child welfare  
18 services, as defined in this section. This definition is applicable on  
19 or after December 30, 2015.

20 (14) "Unsupervised" has the same meaning as in RCW 43.43.830.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.13.020 and 2012 c 259 s 7 and 2012 c 205 s 12 are  
22 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

23 For purposes of this chapter:

24 (1) "Case management" means convening family meetings, developing,  
25 revising, and monitoring implementation of any case plan or individual  
26 service and safety plan, coordinating and monitoring services needed by  
27 the child and family, caseworker-child visits, family visits, and the  
28 assumption of court-related duties, excluding legal representation,  
29 including preparing court reports, attending judicial hearings and  
30 permanency hearings, and ensuring that the child is progressing toward  
31 permanency within state and federal mandates, including the Indian  
32 child welfare act.

33 (2) "Child" means:

34 (a) A person less than eighteen years of age; or

35 (b) A person age eighteen to twenty-one years who is eligible to  
36 receive the extended foster care services authorized under RCW  
37 74.13.031.

1 (3) "Child protective services" has the same meaning as in RCW  
2 26.44.020.

3 (4) "Child welfare services" means social services including  
4 voluntary and in-home services, out-of-home care, case management, and  
5 adoption services which strengthen, supplement, or substitute for,  
6 parental care and supervision for the purpose of:

7 (a) Preventing or remedying, or assisting in the solution of  
8 problems which may result in families in conflict, or the neglect,  
9 abuse, exploitation, or criminal behavior of children;

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11 children;

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13 assisting parents who are in conflict with their children, with  
14 services designed to resolve such conflicts;

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16 strengthening of their own homes where possible, or, where needed;

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18 foster family homes or day care or other child care agencies or  
19 facilities.

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21 services.

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23 committee.

24 (6) "Department" means the department of social and health  
25 services.

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27 support services the department is authorized to provide to foster  
28 children. These services include, but are not limited to, placement in  
29 licensed, relative, or otherwise approved care, or supervised  
30 independent living settings; assistance in meeting basic needs;  
31 independent living services; medical assistance; and counseling or  
32 treatment.

33 (8) "Family assessment" means a comprehensive assessment of child  
34 safety, risk of subsequent child abuse or neglect, and family strengths  
35 and needs that is applied to a child abuse or neglect report. Family  
36 assessment does not include a determination as to whether child abuse  
37 or neglect occurred, but does determine the need for services to

1 address the safety of the child and the risk of subsequent  
2 maltreatment.

3 (9) "Measurable effects" means a statistically significant change  
4 which occurs as a result of the service or services a supervising  
5 agency is assigned in a performance-based contract, in time periods  
6 established in the contract.

7 (10) "Out-of-home care services" means services provided after the  
8 shelter care hearing to or for children in out-of-home care, as that  
9 term is defined in RCW 13.34.030, and their families, including the  
10 recruitment, training, and management of foster parents, the  
11 recruitment of adoptive families, and the facilitation of the adoption  
12 process, family reunification, independent living, emergency shelter,  
13 residential group care, and foster care, including relative placement.

14 (11) "Performance-based contracting" means the structuring of all  
15 aspects of the procurement of services around the purpose of the work  
16 to be performed and the desired results with the contract requirements  
17 set forth in clear, specific, and objective terms with measurable  
18 outcomes. Contracts shall also include provisions that link the  
19 performance of the contractor to the level and timing of reimbursement.

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21 secure a child's safety, permanency, and well-being, including foster  
22 care services, family reunification services, adoption services, and  
23 preparation for independent living services.

24 (13) "Primary prevention services" means services which are  
25 designed and delivered for the primary purpose of enhancing child and  
26 family well-being and are shown, by analysis of outcomes, to reduce the  
27 risk to the likelihood of the initial need for child welfare services.

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29 under RCW 74.15.090, or licensed by a federally recognized Indian tribe  
30 located in this state under RCW 74.15.190, that has entered into a  
31 performance-based contract with the department to provide case  
32 management for the delivery and documentation of child welfare  
33 services, as defined in this section. This definition is applicable on  
34 or after December 30, 2015.

35 (15) "Unsupervised" has the same meaning as in RCW 43.43.830.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.34.065 and 2011 c 309 s 24 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:



1 (1)(a) When a child is taken into custody, the court shall hold a  
2 shelter care hearing within seventy-two hours, excluding Saturdays,  
3 Sundays, and holidays. The primary purpose of the shelter care hearing  
4 is to determine whether the child can be immediately and safely  
5 returned home while the adjudication of the dependency is pending.

6 (b) Any parent, guardian, or legal custodian who for good cause is  
7 unable to attend the shelter care hearing may request that a subsequent  
8 shelter care hearing be scheduled. The request shall be made to the  
9 clerk of the court where the petition is filed prior to the initial  
10 shelter care hearing. Upon the request of the parent, the court shall  
11 schedule the hearing within seventy-two hours of the request, excluding  
12 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The clerk shall notify all other  
13 parties of the hearing by any reasonable means.

14 (2)(a) If it is likely that the child will remain in shelter care  
15 longer than seventy-two hours, in those areas in which child welfare  
16 services are being provided by a supervising agency, the supervising  
17 agency shall assume case management responsibilities of the case. The  
18 department or supervising agency shall submit a recommendation to the  
19 court as to the further need for shelter care in all cases in which the  
20 child will remain in shelter care longer than the seventy-two hour  
21 period. In all other cases, the recommendation shall be submitted by  
22 the juvenile court probation counselor.

23 (b) All parties have the right to present testimony to the court  
24 regarding the need or lack of need for shelter care.

25 (c) Hearsay evidence before the court regarding the need or lack of  
26 need for shelter care must be supported by sworn testimony, affidavit,  
27 or declaration of the person offering such evidence.

28 (3)(a) At the commencement of the hearing, the court shall notify  
29 the parent, guardian, or custodian of the following:

30 (i) The parent, guardian, or custodian has the right to a shelter  
31 care hearing;

32 (ii) The nature of the shelter care hearing, the rights of the  
33 parents, and the proceedings that will follow; and

34 (iii) If the parent, guardian, or custodian is not represented by  
35 counsel, the right to be represented. If the parent, guardian, or  
36 custodian is indigent, the court shall appoint counsel as provided in  
37 RCW 13.34.090; and

1 (b) If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian desires to waive the  
2 shelter care hearing, the court shall determine, on the record and with  
3 the parties present, whether such waiver is knowing and voluntary. A  
4 parent may not waive his or her right to the shelter care hearing  
5 unless he or she appears in court and the court determines that the  
6 waiver is knowing and voluntary. Regardless of whether the court  
7 accepts the parental waiver of the shelter care hearing, the court must  
8 provide notice to the parents of their rights required under (a) of  
9 this subsection and make the finding required under subsection (4) of  
10 this section.

11 (4) At the shelter care hearing the court shall examine the need  
12 for shelter care and inquire into the status of the case. The  
13 paramount consideration for the court shall be the health, welfare, and  
14 safety of the child. At a minimum, the court shall inquire into the  
15 following:

16 (a) Whether the notice required under RCW 13.34.062 was given to  
17 all known parents, guardians, or legal custodians of the child. The  
18 court shall make an express finding as to whether the notice required  
19 under RCW 13.34.062 was given to the parent, guardian, or legal  
20 custodian. If actual notice was not given to the parent, guardian, or  
21 legal custodian and the whereabouts of such person is known or can be  
22 ascertained, the court shall order the department to make reasonable  
23 efforts to advise the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the  
24 status of the case, including the date and time of any subsequent  
25 hearings, and their rights under RCW 13.34.090;

26 (b) Whether the child can be safely returned home while the  
27 adjudication of the dependency is pending;

28 (c) What efforts have been made to place the child with a relative.  
29 The court shall ask the parents whether the department discussed with  
30 them the placement of the child with a relative or other suitable  
31 person described in RCW 13.34.130(1)(b) and shall determine what  
32 efforts have been made toward such a placement;

33 (d) What services were provided to the family to prevent or  
34 eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home. If  
35 the dependency petition or other information before the court alleges  
36 that homelessness or the lack of suitable housing was a significant  
37 factor contributing to the removal of the child, the court shall

1 inquire as to whether housing assistance was provided to the family to  
2 prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child or children;

3 (e) Is the placement proposed by the department or supervising  
4 agency the least disruptive and most family-like setting that meets the  
5 needs of the child;

6 (f) Whether it is in the best interest of the child to remain  
7 enrolled in the school, developmental program, or child care the child  
8 was in prior to placement and what efforts have been made to maintain  
9 the child in the school, program, or child care if it would be in the  
10 best interest of the child to remain in the same school, program, or  
11 child care;

12 (g) Appointment of a guardian ad litem or attorney;

13 (h) Whether the child is or may be an Indian child as defined in  
14 RCW 13.38.040, whether the provisions of the federal Indian child  
15 welfare act or chapter 13.38 RCW apply, and whether there is compliance  
16 with the federal Indian child welfare act and chapter 13.38 RCW,  
17 including notice to the child's tribe;

18 (i) Whether, as provided in RCW 26.44.063, restraining orders, or  
19 orders expelling an allegedly abusive household member from the home of  
20 a nonabusive parent, guardian, or legal custodian, will allow the child  
21 to safely remain in the home;

22 (j) Whether any orders for examinations, evaluations, or immediate  
23 services are needed. The court may not order a parent to undergo  
24 examinations, evaluation, or services at the shelter care hearing  
25 unless the parent agrees to the examination, evaluation, or service;

26 (k) The terms and conditions for parental, sibling, and family  
27 visitation.

28 (5)(a) The court shall release a child alleged to be dependent to  
29 the care, custody, and control of the child's parent, guardian, or  
30 legal custodian unless the court finds there is reasonable cause to  
31 believe that:

32 (i) After consideration of the specific services that have been  
33 provided, reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the  
34 need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it  
35 possible for the child to return home; and

36 (ii)(A) The child has no parent, guardian, or legal custodian to  
37 provide supervision and care for such child; or

1 (B) The release of such child would present a serious threat of  
2 substantial harm to such child, notwithstanding an order entered  
3 pursuant to RCW 26.44.063; or

4 (C) The parent, guardian, or custodian to whom the child could be  
5 released has been charged with violating RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070.

6 (b) If the court does not release the child to his or her parent,  
7 guardian, or legal custodian, the court shall order placement with a  
8 relative or other suitable person as described in RCW 13.34.130(1)(b),  
9 unless there is reasonable cause to believe the health, safety, or  
10 welfare of the child would be jeopardized or that the efforts to  
11 reunite the parent and child will be hindered. If such relative or  
12 other suitable person appears otherwise suitable and competent to  
13 provide care and treatment, the fingerprint-based background check need  
14 not be completed before placement, but as soon as possible after  
15 placement. The court must also determine whether placement with the

16 relative or other suitable person is in the child's best interests.  
17 The relative or other suitable person must be willing and available to:

18 (i) Care for the child and be able to meet any special needs of the  
19 child;

20 (ii) Facilitate the child's visitation with siblings, if such  
21 visitation is part of the supervising agency's plan or is ordered by  
22 the court; and

23 (iii) Cooperate with the department or supervising agency in  
24 providing necessary background checks and home studies.

25 (c) If the child was not initially placed with a relative or other  
26 suitable person, and the court does not release the child to his or her  
27 parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the supervising agency shall make  
28 reasonable efforts to locate a relative or other suitable person  
29 pursuant to RCW 13.34.060(1). In determining placement, the court  
30 shall weigh the child's length of stay and attachment to the current  
31 provider in determining what is in the best interest of the child.

32 (d) If a relative or other suitable person is not available, the  
33 court shall order continued shelter care and shall set forth its  
34 reasons for the order. If the court orders placement of the child with  
35 a person not related to the child and not licensed to provide foster  
36 care, the placement is subject to all terms and conditions of this  
37 section that apply to relative placements.

1 (e) Any placement with a relative, or other suitable person  
2 approved by the court pursuant to this section, shall be contingent  
3 upon cooperation with the department's or supervising agency's case  
4 plan and compliance with court orders related to the care and  
5 supervision of the child including, but not limited to, court orders  
6 regarding parent-child contacts, sibling contacts, and any other  
7 conditions imposed by the court. Noncompliance with the case plan or  
8 court order is grounds for removal of the child from the home of the  
9 relative or other suitable person, subject to review by the court.

10 (f) Uncertainty by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, relative,  
11 or other suitable person that the alleged abuser has in fact abused the  
12 child shall not, alone, be the basis upon which a child is removed from  
13 the care of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian under (a) of this  
14 subsection, nor shall it be a basis, alone, to preclude placement with  
15 a relative or other suitable person under (b) of this subsection.

16 (6)(a) A shelter care order issued pursuant to this section shall  
17 include the requirement for a case conference as provided in RCW  
18 13.34.067. However, if the parent is not present at the shelter care  
19 hearing, or does not agree to the case conference, the court shall not  
20 include the requirement for the case conference in the shelter care  
21 order.

22 (b) If the court orders a case conference, the shelter care order  
23 shall include notice to all parties and establish the date, time, and  
24 location of the case conference which shall be no later than thirty  
25 days before the fact-finding hearing.

26 (c) The court may order another conference, case staffing, or  
27 hearing as an alternative to the case conference required under RCW  
28 13.34.067 so long as the conference, case staffing, or hearing ordered  
29 by the court meets all requirements under RCW 13.34.067, including the  
30 requirement of a written agreement specifying the services to be  
31 provided to the parent.

32 (7)(a) A shelter care order issued pursuant to this section may be  
33 amended at any time with notice and hearing thereon. The shelter care  
34 decision of placement shall be modified only upon a showing of change  
35 in circumstances. No child may be placed in shelter care for longer  
36 than thirty days without an order, signed by the judge, authorizing  
37 continued shelter care.

1 (b)(i) An order releasing the child on any conditions specified in  
2 this section may at any time be amended, with notice and hearing  
3 thereon, so as to return the child to shelter care for failure of the  
4 parties to conform to the conditions originally imposed.

5 (ii) The court shall consider whether nonconformance with any  
6 conditions resulted from circumstances beyond the control of the  
7 parent, guardian, or legal custodian and give weight to that fact  
8 before ordering return of the child to shelter care.

9 (8)(a) If a child is returned home from shelter care a second time  
10 in the case, or if the supervisor of the caseworker deems it necessary,  
11 the multidisciplinary team may be reconvened.

12 (b) If a child is returned home from shelter care a second time in  
13 the case a law enforcement officer must be present and file a report to  
14 the department.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The legislature finds that any person  
16 who has had a founded finding of child abuse or neglect or has been  
17 involved in a dependency action involving one or more of his or her  
18 children is able to turn his or her life around and establish good  
19 parenting relationships with his or her children. Unfortunately, his  
20 or her prior involvement with child protective services or the  
21 dependency court can hamper such a person's ability to find future  
22 employment, especially if the employment involves unsupervised access  
23 to children or other vulnerable populations.

24 (2) The legislature further finds that a number of states permit  
25 convicted offenders to seek a certificate of rehabilitation in certain  
26 situations. Generally, the certificate declares that a convicted  
27 individual is rehabilitated after completing a prison sentence or being  
28 released on parole or supervision. Usually, the applicant for a  
29 certificate must prove that he or she has met certain criteria before  
30 a certificate will be awarded. Such a certificate often restores  
31 certain rights to the applicant and makes him or her eligible for  
32 certain employment for which he or she would not be eligible without  
33 the certificate.

34 (3) A nonprofit with expertise in veteran parent programs shall  
35 convene a work group in consultation with the department of social and  
36 health services to explore options, including a certificate of  
37 rehabilitation, for addressing the impact of founded complaints on the

1 ability of rehabilitated individuals to gain employment or care for  
2 children, including volunteer activities. The work group must contain,  
3 but not be limited to, persons representing the following: The courts,  
4 veteran parents, parent attorneys, foster parents, relative caregivers,  
5 kinship caregivers, child-placing agencies, the attorney general's  
6 office, the governor's policy office, the office of public defense  
7 parent representation program, and the legislature.

8 (4) The work group shall report recommendations to the appropriate  
9 committees of the legislature no later than December 31, 2013.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The department of social and health services  
11 shall adopt all necessary rules to implement this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 4 of this act expires December 1,  
13 2013.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 5 of this act takes effect December  
15 1, 2013.

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