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HOUSE BILL 1311

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By Representatives S. Hunt and Holy; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to sunseting a nonoperating advisory board  
2 reporting to the state patrol; amending RCW 13.60.110; creating a new  
3 section; and repealing RCW 13.60.120.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the advisory  
6 board on missing and exploited children has successfully achieved  
7 seamless communication and coordinated efforts between Washington  
8 state agencies investigating child exploitation cases under the  
9 oversight of the Washington state patrol, thereby fully satisfying  
10 the purposes and goals of the advisory board as established in 1999  
11 under RCW 13.60.120. The legislature therefore intends to ensure the  
12 multiagency task force on missing and exploited children continues to  
13 operate under the oversight of the Washington state patrol and  
14 continue to successfully identify and arrest individuals who exploit  
15 children.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.60.110 and 2009 c 518 s 4 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) A task force on missing and exploited children is established  
19 in the Washington state patrol. The task force shall be under the  
20 direction of the chief of the state patrol.

1 (2) The task force is authorized to assist law enforcement  
2 agencies, upon request, in cases involving missing or exploited  
3 children by:

4 (a) Direct assistance and case management;

5 (b) Technical assistance;

6 (c) Personnel training;

7 (d) Referral for assistance from local, state, national, and  
8 international agencies; and

9 (e) Coordination and information sharing among local, state,  
10 interstate, and federal law enforcement and social service agencies.

11 (3) To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of state  
12 resources and to improve interagency cooperation, the task force  
13 shall, where feasible, use existing facilities, systems, and staff  
14 made available by the state patrol and other local, state,  
15 interstate, and federal law enforcement and social service agencies.  
16 The chief of the state patrol may employ such additional personnel as  
17 are necessary for the work of the task force and may share personnel  
18 costs with other agencies.

19 (4) The chief of the state patrol shall seek public and private  
20 grants and gifts to support the work of the task force.

21 (5) For the purposes of (~~RCW 13.60.100 through 13.60.120~~) this  
22 chapter, "exploited children" means children under the age of  
23 eighteen who are employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, or  
24 coerced to engage in, or assist another person to engage in, sexually  
25 explicit conduct. "Exploited children" also means the rape,  
26 molestation, or use for prostitution of children under the age of  
27 eighteen.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 13.60.120 (Task force on missing and  
29 exploited children—Advisory board) and 1999 c 168 s 3 are each  
30 repealed.

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