

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1779

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINARY PROCESS--VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
MISCONDUCT--TRAINING FOR INTERVIEWERS

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Yeas 92 Nays 5

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2015
Yeas 46 Nays 2

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 1, 2015 10:26 AM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1779** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Van De Wege, Johnson, Harris, Jinkins, and Tharinger

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring specialized training for persons
2 conducting victim interviews as part of the disciplinary process for
3 a health professional alleged to have committed sexual misconduct;
4 and amending RCW 18.130.062.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.130.062 and 2008 c 134 s 5 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) With regard to complaints that only allege that a license
9 holder has committed an act or acts of unprofessional conduct
10 involving sexual misconduct, the secretary shall serve as the sole
11 disciplining authority in every aspect of the disciplinary process,
12 including initiating investigations, investigating, determining the
13 disposition of the complaint, holding hearings, preparing findings of
14 fact, issuing orders or dismissals of charges as provided in RCW
15 18.130.110, entering into stipulations permitted by RCW 18.130.172,
16 or issuing summary suspensions under RCW 18.130.135. The board or
17 commission shall review all cases and only refer to the secretary
18 sexual misconduct cases that do not involve clinical expertise or
19 standard of care issues.

20 (2) Beginning July 1, 2016, for all complaints alleging an act or
21 acts of unprofessional conduct involving sexual misconduct,

1 regardless of whether the secretary or a board or commission is the
2 disciplining authority, all victim interviews conducted as part of an
3 investigation must be conducted by a person who has successfully
4 completed a training program on interviewing victims of sexual
5 misconduct in a manner that minimizes the negative impacts on the
6 victims. The training program may be provided by the disciplining
7 authority, the department, or an outside entity. When determining the
8 type of training that is appropriate to comply with this subsection,
9 the disciplining authority shall consult with at least one statewide
10 organization that provides information, training, and expertise to
11 persons and entities who support victims, family and friends, the
12 general public, and other persons whose lives have been affected by
13 sexual assault.

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