SENATE BILL 5233

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By Senators Padden, Dozier, Short, and Warnick

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- AN ACT Relating to expanding who may conduct home studies for
- 2 children in foster care and preadoption reports; adding a new section
- 3 chapter to 74.13 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1)(a) The department shall develop a home study training program 8 which trains those not affiliated with the department or child-9 placing agencies to conduct home studies for the placement of
- 10 children in foster care.
- 11 (b) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement the 12 home study training program.
- (2) The department shall develop a process for those who have completed the home study training program to be able to conduct home
- 15 studies for the department or child-placing agencies.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33
- 17 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 (1)(a) The court shall develop a preadoption study training
- 19 program which trains those not affiliated with the court to conduct
- 20 preadoption studies.

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(b) Th	e cour	rt may	adopt	rules	as	necessary	to	implement	the
preadoption study training				ng prod	gram.					

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(2) The court shall develop a process for those who have completed the preadoption study training program to be able to conduct preadoption studies for the court.

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