

2 **SHB 1534 - H COMM AMD Adopted 3-18-91**  
3 By Committee on Appropriations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7       **"NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 1.**       The safety of all children is enhanced  
8 when sexual assault cases are properly investigated and prosecuted.  
9 The victim of the sexual assault and the victim's family have a right  
10 to be treated with sensitivity and professionalism, which also  
11 increases the likelihood of their continued cooperation with the  
12 investigation and prosecution of the case. The legislature finds the  
13 sexual assault cases, particularly those involving victims who are  
14 children, are difficult to prosecute successfully. The cooperation of  
15 a victim and the victim's family through the investigation and  
16 prosecution of the sexual assault case is enhanced and the trauma  
17 associated with the investigation and prosecution is reduced when  
18 trained victim advocates assist the victim and the victim's family  
19 through the investigation and prosecution of the case. Trained victim  
20 advocates also assist law enforcement, prosecutors, and defense  
21 attorneys, by relieving some of the burden of explaining the  
22 investigation and prosecution process and possible delays to the victim  
23 and accompanying the victim during interviews by the police,  
24 prosecutor, and defense attorney, and accompanying the victim during  
25 hearings and the trial.

26       The legislature finds that counties should give priority to the  
27 successful prosecution of sexual assault cases, especially those that  
28 involve children, by ensuring that prosecutors, investigators, defense

1 attorneys, and victim advocates are properly trained and available.  
2 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a mechanism to provide  
3 the necessary training of prosecutors, law enforcement investigators,  
4 defense attorneys, and victim advocates and ensure the availability of  
5 victim advocates for victims of sexual assault and their families."

6       **"NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 2.**       (1) Each year the criminal justice  
7 training commission shall offer an intensive, integrated, week-long  
8 training session on investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases.  
9 The training shall place particular emphasis on the development of  
10 professionalism and sensitivity towards the victim and the victim's  
11 family.

12       (2) The commission shall seek advice from the Washington  
13 association of prosecuting attorneys, the Washington defender  
14 association, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs,  
15 and the Washington coalition of sexual assault programs.

16       (3) The training shall be an integrated approach to sexual assault  
17 cases so that prosecutors, law enforcement, defenders, and victim  
18 advocates can all benefit from the training.

19       (4) The training shall be self-supporting through fees charged to  
20 the participants of the training. The counties may use the funds  
21 available under RCW 82.14.310, 82.14.315, 82.14.320, and 82.14.340 to  
22 pay for participants' training."

23       **"NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 3.**       (1) Rape crisis centers which are  
24 eligible for funding from the department of social and health services  
25 under chapter 70.125 RCW may apply for grants for the purpose of hiring  
26 and training victim advocates to assist victims and their families  
27 through the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases. The  
28 victim advocates shall complete a training program either through the

1 criminal justice training program under section 2 of this act or, at  
2 the election of the rape crisis center, a training program to be  
3 designed and administered by the Washington association of prosecuting  
4 attorneys and the Washington coalition of sexual assault programs.

5 (2) Twenty-five percent of the funding for the victim advocate  
6 grants under this section must be provided by one or more local,  
7 municipal, or county source, either public or private. The department  
8 shall seek, receive, and make use of any funds which may be available  
9 from federal or other sources to augment state funds appropriated for  
10 the purpose of this section, and shall make every effort to qualify for  
11 federal funding."

12       **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 4.**           Section 2 of this act is added to  
13 chapter 43.101 RCW."

14       **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 5.**           Section 3 of this act is added to  
15 chapter 70.125 RCW."

16       **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 6.**           If by June 30, 1991, the omnibus  
17 operating budget appropriations act for the 1991-93 biennium does not  
18 provide specific funding for section 3 of this act, referencing this  
19 act by bill number and section, section 3 of this act shall be null and  
20 void."

21       **NEW SECTION.**   **Sec. 7.**           This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
2 effect July 1, 1991."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "cases;" strike the remainder  
7 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW;  
8 adding a new section to chapter 70.125 RCW; creating new sections;  
9 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."