

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 17, 2001

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5995** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove and Stevens)

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1 AN ACT Relating to information sharing among the courts, providers,
2 divisions, and agencies serving dependent children and their families;
3 adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 26.44 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Recent analysis of the child dependency
7 system following the death of Zy'Nyia Nobles indicated poor
8 communication of relevant information from the courts, to the
9 department, within programs between caseworkers, between divisions,
10 among specialists, caregivers, and family. Appropriate service
11 delivery necessitates communication of relevant information. Barriers
12 to appropriate communication must be eliminated.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 In order to facilitate communication of information needed to serve
16 the best interest of any child who is the subject of a dependency case
17 filed under this chapter, the department of social and health services
18 shall, consistent with state and federal law governing the release of

1 confidential information, establish guidelines, and shall use those
2 guidelines for the facilitation of communication of relevant
3 information among divisions, providers, the courts, the family,
4 caregivers, caseworkers, and others.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A law enforcement agency in the course of investigating: (1) An
8 allegation under RCW 69.50.401(a) relating to manufacture of
9 methamphetamine; or (2) an allegation under RCW 69.50.440 relating to
10 possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture
11 methamphetamine, that discovers a child present at the site, shall
12 contact the department immediately.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to
14 create a private right of action or claim against the department of
15 social and health services on the part of any individual or
16 organization.

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