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By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that efforts to
4 protect children from abuse and neglect and support families are
5 dependent upon the efforts of staff in the field who work directly with
6 the children and families of this state. Child protective services
7 staff investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect and,
8 when necessary, intervene by providing services designed to increase
9 children's safety and protect them from further harm. Child welfare
10 services staff provide longer-term services to families, including
11 intensive treatment services to children and families who may need help
12 with chronic or serious problems that interfere with their ability to
13 protect or parent children.

14 The legislature determines that in order to perform their work, the
15 safety of child protective services and child welfare services staff
16 must be addressed.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of social and health
18 services shall establish a work group to develop policies and protocols
19 to address the safety of child protective services and child welfare
20 services staff.

21 (2) The department of social and health services shall make
22 recommendations regarding training to address recognition of highly
23 volatile, hostile, and/or threatening situations and de-escalation and
24 preventive safety measures.

25 (3) Membership of the work group shall include the following:
26 Representatives of the children's administration of the department of
27 social and health services, including representatives of child
28 protective services staff and child welfare services staff from

1 community service offices in largely rural areas of the state as well
2 as urban areas; law enforcement; and prosecuting attorneys.

3 (4) The department of social and health services shall provide the
4 developed recommendations, policies, and protocols to the governor and
5 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "staff;" strike the remainder
7 of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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