

**SB 5583 - S AMD 122**

By Senators Regala, Hargrove, Stevens

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall develop a curriculum designed to train the  
6 staff of the department's children's administration who assess or  
7 provide services to adolescents on how to screen and respond to  
8 referrals to child protective services when those referrals may involve  
9 victims of abuse or neglect between the ages of eleven and eighteen.  
10 At a minimum, the curriculum developed pursuant to this section shall  
11 include:

12 (a) Review of relevant laws and regulations, including the  
13 requirement that the department investigate complaints if a parent's or  
14 caretaker's actions result in serious physical or emotional harm or  
15 present an imminent risk of serious harm to any person under eighteen;

16 (b) Review of policies of the department's children's  
17 administration that require assessment and screening of abuse and  
18 neglect referrals on the basis of risk and not age;

19 (c) Explanation of safety assessment and risk assessment models;

20 (d) Case studies of situations in which the department has received  
21 reports of alleged abuse or neglect of older children and adolescents;

22 (e) Discussion of best practices in screening and responding to  
23 referrals involving older children and adolescents; and

24 (f) Discussion of how abuse and neglect referrals related to  
25 adolescents are investigated and when law enforcement must be notified.

26 (2) As it develops its curriculum pursuant to this section, the  
27 department shall request that the office of the family and children's  
28 ombudsman review and comment on its proposed training materials. The  
29 department shall consider the comments and recommendations of the

1 office of the family and children's ombudsman as it develops the  
2 curriculum required by this section.

3 (3) The department shall complete the curriculum materials required  
4 by this section no later than December 31, 2005.

5 (4) The department shall train the child protective services  
6 workers who screen intake calls on how to screen and respond to  
7 referrals that may involve victims of abuse or neglect between the ages  
8 of eleven and eighteen. The training shall be based substantially on  
9 the curriculum developed pursuant to this act and shall be completed by  
10 December 31, 2005.

11 (5) The department shall use the curriculum to train all children's  
12 administration staff responsible for assessing or providing services to  
13 older children and adolescents by April 30, 2006.

14 (6) The department shall include the curriculum in its training of  
15 all new employees of children's administration.

16 (7) The department shall keep a record of all of the employees who  
17 have attended the training required by this section.

18 (8) The department shall review a sampling of not less than thirty  
19 percent of the screening decisions by child protective services related  
20 to children between the ages of eleven and eighteen on a quarterly  
21 basis through June 30, 2007. The department shall use the results of  
22 the quarterly reviews required by this section to improve practice and  
23 to improve the curriculum required by this section.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
27 immediately."

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28 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "neglect;" strike the  
29 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter

1 26.44 RCW; and declaring an emergency."

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