

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6741**

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2006 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6741** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Carrell, Brandland and Rasmussen

Read first time 01/20/2006. Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

1            AN ACT Relating to the joint task force on the administration and  
2 delivery of services to children and families; amending 2005 c 474 s 1  
3 (uncodified); amending 2005 c 474 s 2 (uncodified); amending 2005 c 474  
4 s 3 (uncodified); and providing expiration dates.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** 2005 c 474 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

7            (1) A joint task force is created to determine the most appropriate  
8 and effective administrative structure for delivery of social and  
9 health services to the children and families of the state. The joint  
10 task force shall study how best to ensure that an administrative  
11 structure has defined lines of responsibility for delivering services  
12 to children and families in need and the best means for the public to  
13 hold government accountable for delivery of those services. The joint  
14 task force shall compare the effectiveness of: Including social and  
15 health services to children and families within an umbrella agency,  
16 such as the current department of social and health services;  
17 establishing a separate agency for social and health services to  
18 children and families whose administrator reports directly to the  
19 governor; or creating a children and family services cabinet reporting

1 directly to the governor. The joint task force shall, as part of the  
2 comparison, examine the administrative structures used in other states  
3 to deliver social and health services to children and families.

4 (2) This section expires July 1, 2007.

5 **Sec. 2.** 2005 c 474 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Membership of the joint task force shall consist of the  
7 following:

8 (a) The dean of the school of social work at the University of  
9 Washington or an academic professor from a list recommended by the  
10 dean, jointly appointed by the chairs of the house of representatives  
11 children and family services committee and the senate human services  
12 and corrections committee;

13 (b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member  
15 of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the  
16 minority caucus, and two members of the senate appointed by the  
17 president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority  
18 caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus;

19 (c) The secretary of the department of social and health services  
20 or the secretary's designee;

21 (d) An individual with previous experience as an administrator of  
22 a public agency providing services to children and families, jointly  
23 appointed by the chairs of the house of representatives children and  
24 family services committee and the senate human services and corrections  
25 committee;

26 (e) A juvenile court administrator, jointly appointed by the chairs  
27 of the house of representatives children and family services committee  
28 and the senate human services and corrections committee;

29 (f) A family superior court judge, jointly appointed by the chairs  
30 of the house of representatives children and family services committee  
31 and the senate human services and corrections committee;

32 (g) The director of the office of the family and children's  
33 ombudsman;

34 (h) A social worker with experience in the public sector serving  
35 children and families, jointly appointed by the chairs of the house of  
36 representatives children and family services committee and the senate  
37 human services and corrections committee; (~~and~~)

1 (i) Two representatives of community-based providers serving  
2 children and families, jointly appointed by the chairs of the house of  
3 representatives children and family services committee and the senate  
4 human services and corrections committee;

5 (j) A representative from the office of the superintendent of  
6 public instruction;

7 (k) A representative from the office of public defender.

8 (2) The dean of the school of social work at the University of  
9 Washington or the academic professor appointed from a list recommended  
10 by the dean shall be the chair of the joint task force.

11 (3) Staff support for the joint task force shall be provided by the  
12 house of representatives office of program research and senate  
13 committee services and may include consultant services.

14 (4) Legislative members of the joint task force shall be reimbursed  
15 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
16 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
17 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
18 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

19 (5) This section expires July 1, 2007.

20 **Sec. 3.** 2005 c 474 s 3 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) The joint task force shall make recommendations concerning  
22 which administrative structure or structures would best realize  
23 efficiencies in administration and best achieve positive outcomes for  
24 children and families, including, but not limited to, the following:

25 (a) Reducing the number of children at risk for abuse or neglect  
26 and increasing the safety and well-being of children;

27 (b) Increasing the ability of families to care for their own  
28 children and reducing the number of children in foster care;

29 (c) Increasing placement stability and permanency for children in  
30 out-of-home care and reducing unsafe and inappropriate placements;

31 (d) Delivering appropriate and timely mental health services;

32 (e) Providing adequate and appropriate staff training and  
33 education;

34 (f) Promoting foster parent recruitment, training, and retention;

35 (g) Reducing the frequency and duration of sibling separation;

36 (h) Delivering adequate and timely services to adolescents; and

1 (i) Increasing responsibility and accountability for achieving  
2 goals.

3 (2) The joint task force shall also make recommendations concerning  
4 the costs, benefits, savings, or reductions in services associated with  
5 the various administrative structures considered by the joint task  
6 force.

7 (3) The joint task force shall report its recommendations to the  
8 governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,  
9 2006.

10 (4) This section expires July 1, 2007.

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