

2E2SHB 1661 - S AMD  
By Senator Padden

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1 On page 4, after line 40, insert the following:

2 "(11) The legislature finds that a cohesive family dynamic is  
3 vital to the well-being of our state's children. The legislature  
4 further finds that children frequently disagree with rules,  
5 parameters, or restrictions put in place by their parents or  
6 guardians. It is the priority of the legislature and intent of this  
7 act that the department shall not interfere with parents who set  
8 rules, parameters, or restrictions related to their child's romantic  
9 preferences or lifestyle choices."

10 On page 75, line 32, after "(3)" insert "The court in a fact-  
11 finding hearing may not consider any information related to current  
12 or past disagreements between the child and the child's parent(s)  
13 about the child's romantic preferences and lifestyle choices or  
14 rules, parameters, and restrictions set by the parent(s) related to  
15 the child's romantic preferences or lifestyle choices.

16 (4)"

17 On page 76, line 16, after "evidence." insert "Any information  
18 related to romantic preferences or lifestyle choices by the child  
19 must be redacted from the social file prior to being considered in  
20 the fact-finding hearing."

21 On page 77, at the beginning of line 22, strike "(4)" and insert  
22 "~~((4))~~ (5)"

23 On page 107, line 4, after "the child." insert "Rules,  
24 restrictions, or parameters set by parents as a reaction to  
25 disagreements between the parents and the child related to the  
26 child's romantic preferences or lifestyle choices may not be  
27 considered abuse or neglect and may not be considered when  
28 determining abuse or neglect."

29 On page 109, line 6, after "9A.42.100." insert "Rules,  
30 restrictions, or parameters set by parents or disagreements between

1 the parents and the child related to romantic preference or lifestyle  
2 choices of the child may not be considered when determining whether  
3 negligent treatment or maltreatment has occurred."

EFFECT: Adds intent language explaining importance of cohesive family dynamic to well-being of child and clarifying that the Department shall not interfere with parental rules, parameters, and restrictions related to romantic preferences or lifestyle choices and that disagreements between the child and the parents related to romantic lifestyle choices shall not be in the Department's purview.

Clarifies that any information related to disagreements between the parents and the child regarding romantic preferences or lifestyle choices by the child, or rules, restrictions, or parameters set by the parent, may not be considered when determining whether negligent treatment or maltreatment has occurred.

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