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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Appleton, Haler, Lovick, Orwall, Sells, Wylie, Eslick, and Hayes)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sharing of information between
2 participants in multidisciplinary coordination of child sexual abuse
3 investigations; and amending RCW 26.44.180.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.44.180 and 2010 c 176 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Each agency involved in investigating child sexual abuse
8 shall document its role in handling cases and how it will coordinate
9 with other local agencies or systems and shall adopt a local protocol
10 based on the state guidelines. The department and local law
11 enforcement agencies may include other agencies and systems that are
12 involved with child sexual abuse victims in the multidisciplinary
13 coordination.

14 (2) Each county shall develop a written protocol for handling
15 criminal child sexual abuse investigations. The protocol shall
16 address the coordination of child sexual abuse investigations between
17 the prosecutor's office, law enforcement, children's protective
18 services, children's advocacy centers, where available, local
19 advocacy groups, community sexual assault programs, as defined in RCW
20 70.125.030, and any other local agency involved in the criminal
21 investigation of child sexual abuse, including those investigations

1 involving multiple victims and multiple offenders. The protocol shall
2 be developed by the prosecuting attorney with the assistance of the
3 agencies referenced in this subsection.

4 ~~(3) ((Local protocols under this section shall be adopted and in
5 place by July 1, 2000, and shall be submitted to the legislature
6 prior to that date.))~~ Participants in the multidisciplinary
7 coordination described in this section are authorized to share
8 information about criminal child sexual abuse investigations and case
9 planning following such investigations with other participants in the
10 multidisciplinary coordination.

11 (4) Participants in the multidisciplinary coordination described
12 in this section that share information about criminal child sexual
13 abuse investigations and case planning following such investigations
14 in good faith with other participants in the multidisciplinary
15 coordination described in this section shall be immune from any
16 liability arising out of such sharing of information under any law of
17 this state or its political subdivisions.

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