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SENATE BILL 5942

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By Senator Talmadge; by request of Dept. of Social & Health Services.

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1            AN ACT Relating to treatment of abusive persons removed from home;  
2 and amending RCW 26.44.140.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.44.140 and 1990 c 3 s 1301 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The court shall require that an individual who, while acting in a  
7 parental role, has physically or sexually abused a child and has been  
8 removed from the home pursuant to a court order issued in a proceeding  
9 under chapter 13.34 RCW, prior to being permitted to reside in the home  
10 where the child resides, complete the treatment and education  
11 requirements necessary to protect the child from future abuse. The  
12 court may require the individual to continue treatment as a condition  
13 for remaining in the home where the child resides.

14            The department of social and health services or supervising agency  
15 shall be responsible for advising the court as to appropriate treatment

1 and education requirements, providing referrals to the individual,  
2 monitoring and assessing the individual's progress, informing the court  
3 of such progress, and providing recommendations to the court.

4 The person removed from the home shall pay for these services  
5 ~~((according to a schedule established by the department of social and~~  
6 ~~health services. This schedule shall be based on the individual's~~  
7 ~~ability to pay)) unless the person is otherwise eligible to receive  
8 financial assistance in paying for such services. Nothing in this  
9 section shall be construed to create in any person an entitlement to  
10 services or financial assistance in paying for services.~~