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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5844**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Erwin, M. Rasmussen, Amondson, Drew, Prentice, Pelz, Niemi, Winsley, Sheldon, McDonald, Talmadge, Owen, Snyder, Haugen, Hargrove, Moyer, Quigley, Roach, Jesernig, Oke, Hochstatter and Spanel)

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteers serving the needs of at-risk  
2 children; and adding a new section to chapter 43.150 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.150 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 A volunteer organization or individual volunteer may assist a  
7 public agency, with the agency's approval, in a collaborative program  
8 designed to serve the needs of at-risk children. The center, with the  
9 advice and counsel of the attorney general, shall develop guidelines  
10 defining at-risk children and establishing reasonable safety standards  
11 for the activities of any volunteers. In carrying out the volunteer  
12 activity, the individual volunteer or member of the volunteer  
13 organization shall not be considered to be an employee or agent of any  
14 public agency involved in the collaborative program. Prior to  
15 participation, a volunteer and the public agency administering the  
16 collaborative program shall sign a written master agreement, approved  
17 in form by the attorney general, that includes provisions defining the  
18 scope of the volunteer activities and waiving any claims against each  
19 other. No participating public agency, volunteer organization, or

1 individual volunteer is subject to any liability whatsoever arising out  
2 of the volunteer activity when acting in good faith.

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