

2 **E2SHB 2217** - S AMD TO HSC COMM AMD (S5481.3) - 247
3 By Senators Hargrove, Long, Franklin and Kohl

4 ADOPTED 2/29/96

5 On page 31, beginning on line 23 of the amendment, strike all of
6 subsections (b) and (c) and insert the following:

7 "(b) Any provider of outpatient treatment for a minor thirteen
8 years of age or older shall provide notice of the treatment to the
9 minor's parents. The notice shall be made upon the completion of the
10 child's second visit for treatment, and shall contain the name,
11 location, and telephone number of the mental health care provider who
12 is designated to discuss the minor's need for treatment with the
13 parent.

14 (c) A treatment provider may defer notification to a parent of a
15 minor's request for treatment if: (i) The minor alleges physical or
16 sexual abuse by the parent and the treatment provider notifies the
17 department of the alleged abuse. Upon completion of its assessment of
18 the allegation, the department shall notify the treatment provider of
19 its findings. If the department determines the allegation is not
20 valid, the treatment provider shall immediately notify the parent of
21 the minor's treatment. If the department determines the allegation is
22 valid, the treatment provider need not provide notice to the parent; or
23 (ii) the provider believes the parental notification will interfere
24 with the necessary treatment for the minor. If the provider believes
25 the notification will interfere with the necessary treatment, the
26 provider shall notify the department. The department shall review the
27 circumstances and pursue either a child in need of services petition,
28 if the child meets the definition under RCW 13.32A.030(4)(c), or a
29 dependency petition under chapter 13.34 RCW, if the child meets the
30 definition of a dependent child under RCW 13.34.030(4). If the
31 department determines neither petition is appropriate it shall
32 immediately inform the provider, who shall notify the parent of the
33 treatment within twenty-four hours or after the second visit for
34 treatment, whichever is later."

35 EFFECT: Limits the parental notification of mental health
36 outpatient when the provider believes the parent will interfere with

1 necessary treatment. DSHS must evaluate those situations and file a
2 CHINS or dependency petition in appropriate cases. If DSHS determines
3 a petition is not appropriate, the providers must notify the parent
4 within 24 hours or after the second treatment, whichever is later.

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