

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5512

Chapter 344, Laws of 1997

55th Legislature
1997 Regular Session

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TREATMENT--PROHIBITING ADMISSION OF GUILT
FOR ACCESS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/97

Passed by the Senate April 21, 1997
YEAS 45 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 9, 1997
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 13, 1997

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5512** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

FILED

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Benton, Haugen, Strannigan, Hochstatter, Rasmussen, Schow and Oke)

Read first time 03/05/97.

1 AN ACT Relating to admittance of guilt in child abuse and neglect;
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 1991 c 301 s 15 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. Unless a parent,
14 custodian, or guardian has been convicted of the crime for the acts of
15 abuse determined in a fact-finding hearing under chapter 13.34 RCW,
16 such person shall not be required to admit guilt in order to begin to
17 fulfill any necessary treatment and education requirements under this
18 section.

1 The department of social and health services or supervising agency
2 shall be responsible for advising the court as to appropriate treatment
3 and education requirements, providing referrals to the individual,
4 monitoring and assessing the individual's progress, informing the court
5 of such progress, and providing recommendations to the court.

6 The person removed from the home shall pay for these services
7 unless the person is otherwise eligible to receive financial assistance
8 in paying for such services. Nothing in this section shall be
9 construed to create in any person an entitlement to services or
10 financial assistance in paying for services.

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