
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5744

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Costa, Sheahan and Deccio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to representation of parties in child dependency
2 and termination proceedings; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of public defense shall
5 develop a proposal to address the costs of legal representation and
6 expenses reasonably related to such representation for indigent
7 criminal defendants and indigent parents, guardians, legal custodians,
8 and children in dependency and termination hearings under chapter 13.34
9 RCW. The proposal shall address the increased dependency and
10 termination filings by the state under chapter 13.34 RCW and the effect
11 of this increase on indigent defense costs. The proposal shall
12 recommend strategies to ensure that an equitable method of paying for
13 indigent defense costs in criminal trial proceedings and in dependency
14 and termination proceedings is established.

15 (2) The office of public defense shall present the proposal
16 required under subsection (1) of this section to the appropriate
17 standing committees of the legislature by December 6, 1999.

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