

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2568**

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SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF--INVESTIGATIONS

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Passed by the House March 11, 2002  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2002  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 28, 2002

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2568** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Tokuda, Kagi, Fromhold, Ogden, Chase, Jackley and McDermott)

Read first time 02/06/2002. Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to formalizing the relationship between the  
2 department of social and health services and the state school for the  
3 deaf; adding a new section to chapter 26.44 RCW; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 72.40 RCW.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            (1) The department must investigate referrals of alleged child  
9 abuse or neglect occurring at the state school for the deaf, including  
10 alleged incidents involving students abusing other students; determine  
11 whether there is a finding of abuse or neglect; and determine whether  
12 a referral to law enforcement is appropriate under this chapter.

13            (2) The department must send a copy of the investigation report,  
14 including the finding, regarding any incidents of alleged child abuse  
15 or neglect at the state school for the deaf to the school's  
16 superintendent. The department may include recommendations to the  
17 superintendent and the board of trustees or its successor board for  
18 increasing the safety of the school's students.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 72.40 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The department of social and health services must periodically  
4 monitor the residential program at the state school for the deaf,  
5 including but not limited to examining the residential-related policies  
6 and procedures as well as the residential facilities. The department  
7 of social and health services must make recommendations to the school's  
8 superintendent and the board of trustees or its successor board on  
9 health and safety improvements related to child safety and well-being.  
10 The department of social and health services must conduct the  
11 monitoring reviews at least quarterly until December 1, 2006.

12        (2) The department of social and health services must conduct a  
13 comprehensive child health and safety review, as defined in rule, of  
14 the residential program at the state school for the deaf every three  
15 years. The department of social and health services must deliver the  
16 first health and safety review to the governor, the legislature, the  
17 school's superintendent, and the school's board of trustees or  
18 successor board by December 1, 2004.

19        (3) The state school for the deaf must provide the department of  
20 social and health services' staff with full and complete access to all  
21 records and documents that the department staff may request to carry  
22 out the requirements of this section. The department of social and  
23 health services must have full and complete access to all students and  
24 staff of the state school for the deaf to conduct interviews to carry  
25 out the requirements of this section.

26        (4) For the purposes of this section, the department of social and  
27 health services must use the safety standards established in this  
28 chapter when conducting the reviews.

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