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Brief Description: Penalizing false accusations of child abuse or neglect.

**HB 1401 - DIGEST**

Provides that, if a court, during a judicial proceeding under this title relating to a parenting plan or child custody, finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a person has intentionally made a false allegation of child abuse or neglect or has induced another person to make a false allegation of child abuse or neglect during the judicial proceeding, the court may impose a monetary penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars against the person making or inducing another to make the accusation. The monetary penalty shall be awarded to the person against whom the false allegation is made.

Declares that a person is guilty of a class C felony punishable in accordance with chapter 9A.20 RCW if the person intentionally: (1) Makes a false accusation of child abuse or neglect during a judicial proceeding under this title relating to a parenting plan or child custody, or (2) induces another person to make a false allegation of child abuse or neglect during a judicial proceeding under this title relating to a parenting plan or child custody.