

2568-S

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

Brief Description: Formalizing the relationship between the
department of social and health services and the state school for
the deaf.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department to investigate referrals of alleged
child abuse or neglect occurring at the state school for the deaf,
including alleged incidents involving students abusing other
students; determine whether there is a finding of abuse or neglect;
and determine whether a referral to law enforcement is appropriate
under chapter 26.44 RCW.

Requires the department to send a copy of the investigation
report, including the finding, regarding any incidents of alleged
child abuse or neglect at the state school for the deaf to the
school's superintendent. The department may include
recommendations to the superintendent and the board of trustees or
its successor board for increasing the safety of the school's
students.

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