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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove and Stevens)

Brief Description: Providing for information sharing among the courts, providers, divisions, and agencies serving dependent children and their families.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, in order to facilitate communication of information needed to serve the best interest of any child who is the subject of a dependency case filed under chapter 13.34 RCW, the department of social and health services shall, consistent with state and federal law governing the release of confidential information, establish guidelines, and shall use those guidelines for the facilitation of communication of relevant information among divisions, providers, the courts, the family, caregivers, caseworkers, and others.

Provides that a law enforcement agency in the course of investigating: (1) An allegation under RCW 69.50.401(a) relating to manufacture of methamphetamine; or (2) an allegation under RCW 69.50.440 relating to possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, that discovers a child present at the site, shall contact the department immediately.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to create a private right of action or claim against the department of social and health services on the part of any individual or organization.