

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 1561

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Children & Family Services & Corrections, March 31, 2003

Title: An act relating to the elimination of reports to the legislature required of the department of social and health services.

Brief Description: Eliminating certain department of social and health services' reporting requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives Orcutt, Kagi, Pettigrew and Boldt; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 3/21/03, 3/31/03 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Deccio, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

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Background: The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is required to provide 34 reports on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis, in addition to other one-time reporting requirements.

Summary of Amended Bill: DSHS is relieved of the duty to file 15 reports, but must provide an annual report to the Legislature concerning the implementation of the Family Reconciliation Act and the Juvenile Court Act in Cases Relating to Dependency of a Child and the Termination of a Parent.

DSHS must also provide an annual report to the Legislature regarding any transfers of funds.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: A report from DSHS regarding disproportionality in the state's juvenile justice system is modified rather than eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available on original bill.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.