
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5633

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Shin, Stevens, Hargrove, Mulliken and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to facilitating communication of information
2 concerning dependent children; and amending RCW 13.34.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.34.350 and 2001 c 52 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In order to facilitate communication of information needed to serve
7 the best interest of any child who is the subject of a dependency case
8 filed under this chapter, the department of social and health services
9 shall(~~(, consistent with state and federal law governing the release of~~
10 ~~confidential information, establish guidelines, and shall use those~~
11 ~~guidelines for the facilitation of~~) convene a work group to recommend
12 standards to be used in facilitating communication ((of relevant
13 information among)) with department divisions, service providers, the
14 courts, the family, caregivers, caseworkers, and others. The work
15 group shall make recommendations regarding definitions of categories of
16 information to be used, who should have access to categories of
17 information, how long it is to be retained, how and when appropriate
18 information is to be purged, compliance enforcement, and consequences
19 for noncompliance. Recommendations shall address all forms of

1 information whether it is kept in electronic, magnetic, paper, or other
2 form of storage media. All recommendations shall be consistent with
3 state and federal law governing release of confidential information.
4 The work group shall report its recommendations to the legislature by
5 December 1, 2005.

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