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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6579**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Eide, Weinstein, Schmidt, Berkey, Rasmussen, Franklin, Keiser and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile interrogation; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 13.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that parents have a fundamental interest  
7 in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for  
8 questioning and where their child is being held.

9 (2) When a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody,  
10 a reasonable attempt must be made to notify a parent, guardian, or  
11 custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is  
12 being held.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A joint task force on the interrogation  
14 of juveniles in custody is established. The joint task force shall  
15 consist of the following members:

16 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,  
17 appointed by the president of the senate;

1 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
2 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives;

4 (c) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

5 (d) A member designated by the Washington prosecutors association;

6 (e) A member of the Washington state patrol, designated by the  
7 chief of the state patrol;

8 (f) A chief of police and a sheriff designated by the Washington  
9 association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

10 (g) A member designated by the Washington association of criminal  
11 defense lawyers;

12 (h) The secretary of the department of social and health services  
13 or the secretary's designee;

14 (i) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
15 superintendent's designee;

16 (j) The executive director of the office of public defense or the  
17 executive director's designee;

18 (k) A representative of the superior court judges association;

19 (l) A member of the Washington defender association;

20 (m) A member who is a law enforcement detective experienced in  
21 juvenile crime, as designated by the Washington council of police and  
22 sheriffs; and

23 (n) The following members, jointly appointed by the speaker of the  
24 house of representatives and the president of the senate:

25 (i) A member of an organization that provides assistance to persons  
26 who are victims of juvenile crime;

27 (ii) A representative of an organization that primarily provides  
28 services to children involved with the juvenile justice system;

29 (iii) An academic with a doctorate degree in child development; and

30 (iv) A parent of a juvenile.

31 (2) Two of the legislative members shall serve as cochairs of the  
32 task force.

33 (3) The task force shall review the statewide practices, protocols,  
34 and policies on the interrogation of juveniles in the custody of law  
35 enforcement as well as the laws of other states regarding custodial  
36 interrogation of juveniles.

37 (4) The task force shall use legislative facilities and staff from

1 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
2 program research.

3 (5) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation.  
4 Legislative members may be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided  
5 in RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members may be reimbursed for travel  
6 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

7 (6) The chairs of the task force shall report to the appropriate  
8 committees of the legislature on the work of the task force not later  
9 than January 1, 2007.

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