

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2189**

Chapter 389, Laws of 2005

59th Legislature  
2005 Regular Session

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES--STAFF SAFETY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the House April 19, 2005  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 14, 2005  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 11, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2189** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Kagi, Hinkle, Dickerson, Roberts, Darneille, Simpson, Moeller, Morrell and Santos

Read first time 02/22/2005. Referred to Committee on Children & Family Services.

1            AN ACT Relating to the safety of child protective services and  
2 child welfare services staff; and creating new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that efforts to  
5 protect children from abuse and neglect and support families are  
6 dependent upon the efforts of staff in the field who work directly with  
7 the children and families of this state. Child protective services  
8 staff investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect and,  
9 when necessary, intervene by providing services designed to increase  
10 children's safety and protect them from further harm. Child welfare  
11 services staff provide longer-term services to families, including  
12 intensive treatment services to children and families who may need help  
13 with chronic or serious problems that interfere with their ability to  
14 protect or parent children.

15            The legislature determines that in order to perform their work, the  
16 safety of child protective services and child welfare services staff  
17 must be addressed.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The department of social and health  
2 services shall establish a work group to develop policies and protocols  
3 to address the safety of child protective services and child welfare  
4 services staff.

5        (2) The department of social and health services shall make  
6 recommendations regarding training to address recognition of highly  
7 volatile, hostile, and/or threatening situations and de-escalation and  
8 preventive safety measures.

9        (3) Membership of the work group shall include the following:  
10 Representatives of the children's administration of the department of  
11 social and health services, including representatives of child  
12 protective services staff and child welfare services staff from  
13 community service offices in largely rural areas of the state as well  
14 as urban areas; law enforcement; and prosecuting attorneys.

15        (4) The department of social and health services shall provide the  
16 developed recommendations, policies, and protocols to the governor and  
17 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005.

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