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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1565**

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**By** House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Dickerson and Kenney)

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1            AN ACT Relating to public access to child in need of services and  
2 at-risk youth hearings; and amending RCW 13.32A.200.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.200 and 2000 c 123 s 25 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) All hearings pursuant to this chapter may be conducted at any  
7 time or place within the county of the residence of the parent and such  
8 cases shall ((not)) be heard in conjunction with the business of any  
9 other division of the superior court, except as provided in subsections  
10 (2) and (3) of this section.

11            (2) The public shall be excluded from a child in need of services  
12 hearing if the judicial officer finds that it is in the best interest  
13 of the child.

14            (3) The public shall be excluded from an at-risk youth hearing if:

15            (a) The judicial officer finds that it is in the best interest of  
16 the child; or

17            (b) Either parent requests that the public be excluded from the  
18 hearing.

1       (4) At the beginning of the at-risk youth hearing, the judicial  
2 officer shall notify the parents that either parent has the right to  
3 request that the public be excluded from the at-risk youth hearing.

4       (5) If the public ((shall be)) is excluded from hearings ((and))  
5 under subsection (2) or (3) of this act, only such persons who are  
6 found by the court to have a direct interest in the case or the work of  
7 the court shall be admitted to the proceedings.

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