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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 All hearings pursuant to this chapter may be conducted at any time
7 or place within the county of the residence of the parent and such
8 cases (~~(shall not)~~) may be heard in conjunction with the business of
9 any other division of the superior court. However, the public shall be
10 excluded from (~~(hearings and)~~) a child in need of services hearing if
11 the judicial officer finds that excluding the public is in the best
12 interest of the child. The public shall be excluded from an at-risk
13 youth hearing if either parent requests that the public be excluded or
14 if the judicial officer finds it is in the best interest of the child.
15 Only such persons who are found by the court to have a direct interest
16 in the case or the work of the court shall be admitted to the closed
17 proceedings.

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