

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5582

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the chief for a day program.

Sponsors: Senators Parlette and Becker; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Background: For several years, law enforcement agencies within Washington have individually and collectively hosted programs, known as chief for a day, that recognize and give honorary chief or deputy status to chronically ill children.

Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2008 authorized the commissioners and staff of the Criminal Justice Training Commission to participate in a chief for a day program.

Summary: The Legislature finds that participation by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in charitable work promotes positive relationships between law enforcement and Washington citizens.

WSP is authorized to participate in a chief for a day program, which is defined as a program in which WSP partners with other law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and the community to provide a day of special attention to chronically ill children. The program may include honoring a participating child as a chief, and providing the child with a certificate, badge, uniform, and donated gifts.

WSP may accept grant funds and gifts, and may use its public facilities for the chief for a day program. The participation of WSP in the chief for a day program must conform with laws governing ethics in public service.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 10, 2010

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