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HOUSE BILL 1054

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By Representatives Moeller, Chase, Appleton, Williams, Rolfes, Kirby, Hasegawa, Blake, and Dickerson

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1            AN ACT Relating to notification of parents, guardians, and  
2 custodians when a juvenile is taken into custody by law enforcement;  
3 and adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW.

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

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

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

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

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