## CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5510

Chapter 484, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session

## DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS--NOTIFICATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/26/09

THOMAS HOEMANN

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5510 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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| THOMAS HOEMANN | Secretary of the Senate of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Approved May 14, 2009, 11:52 a.m.

Passed by the Senate April 26, 2009

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CERTIFICATE

May 18, 2009

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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State of Washington 61st Legislature 2009 Regular Session

By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Swecker, and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/25/09.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to notification in dependency matters; and adding
- 2 a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 (1) After entry of a dispositional order pursuant to RCW 13.34.130
- 7 ordering placement of a child in out-of-home care, the department shall
- 8 continue to encourage the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child
- 9 to engage in services and maintain contact with the child, which shall
- 10 be accomplished by attaching a standard notice to the services and
- 11 safety plan to be provided in advance of hearings conducted pursuant to
- 12 RCW 13.34.138.
- 13 (2) The notice shall be photocopied on contrasting paper to
- 14 distinguish it from the services and safety plan to which it is
- 15 attached, and shall be in substantially the following form:

16 "NOTICE

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If you have not been maintaining consistent contact with your child in out-of-home care, your ability to reunify with your child may be jeopardized. If this is your situation, you need to be aware that you have important legal rights and must take steps to protect your interests.

- 1. The department of social and health services (or other supervising agency) and the court have created a permanency plan for your child, including a primary placement plan and a secondary placement plan, and recommending services needed before your child can be placed in the primary or secondary placement. If you want the court to order that your child be reunified with you, you should notify your lawyer and the department, and you should carefully comply with court orders for services and participate regularly in visitation with your child. Failure to promptly engage in services or to maintain contact with your child may lead to the filing of a petition to terminate your rights as a parent.
- 2. Primary and secondary permanency plans are intended to run at the same time so that your child will have a permanent home as quickly as possible. Even if you want another parent or person to be the primary placement choice for your child, you should tell your lawyer, the department, and the court if you want to be the secondary placement option, and you should comply with any court orders for services and participate in visitation with your child. Early and consistent involvement in your child's case plan is important for the well-being of your child.
- 3. Dependency review hearings, and all other dependency case hearings, are legal proceedings with potentially serious consequences. Failure to participate, respond, or comply with court orders may lead to the loss of your parental rights."

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