

**SHB 2510 - H AMD 1183**

By Representative Nealey

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 3, after "~~such~~)." strike all  
2 material through "prevail" on line 6 and insert "When the child's  
3 physical or mental health is jeopardized, or the safety of the child  
4 conflicts with the legal rights of a parent, custodian, or guardian,  
5 the health and safety interests of the child should prevail"

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7 On page 3, line 1, after "paramount" strike "duty" and insert  
8 "concern"

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10 On page 3, line 3, after "child's" insert "health and safety"

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12 On page 3, line 4, after "conflicting" insert "legal"

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EFFECT: Revises the intent language added to the child abuse statute to state that when the child's physical or mental health is jeopardized, or the safety of the child conflicts with a parent's legal interests, the health and safety interests of the child should prevail.

Replaces a reference to the Department's "paramount duty" with a reference to the Department's "paramount concern" to protect a child's health and safety and clarifies that it is the child's health and safety interests that prevail over conflicting legal interests of a parent.

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