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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2700**

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CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEWS--PRIVACY

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

KAREN KEISER

**President of the Senate**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2700** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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March 26, 2018

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Valdez, Smith, Stonier, Sawyer, Jenkins, Ortiz-Self, and Kagi)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/18.

1            AN ACT Relating to the handling of child forensic interview and  
2 child interview digital recordings; amending RCW 26.44.020,  
3 26.44.020, and 26.44.185; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.240;  
4 adding new sections to chapter 26.44 RCW; creating a new section;  
5 prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; providing an  
6 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 26.44  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10           The legislature recognizes an inherent privacy interest that a  
11 child has with respect to the child's recorded voice and image when  
12 describing the highly sensitive details of abuse or neglect upon the  
13 child as defined in RCW 26.44.020. The legislature further finds that  
14 reasonable restrictions on the dissemination of these recordings can  
15 accommodate both privacy interests and due process. To that end, the  
16 legislature intends to exempt these recordings from dissemination  
17 under the public records act and provide additional sanction  
18 authority for violations of protective orders that set forth such  
19 terms and conditions as are necessary to protect the privacy of the  
20 child.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.44.020 and 2012 c 259 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5       (1) "Abuse or neglect" means sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,  
6 or injury of a child by any person under circumstances which cause  
7 harm to the child's health, welfare, or safety, excluding conduct  
8 permitted under RCW 9A.16.100; or the negligent treatment or  
9 maltreatment of a child by a person responsible for or providing care  
10 to the child. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to  
11 child abuse or neglect as defined in this section.

12       (2) "Child" or "children" means any person under the age of  
13 eighteen years of age.

14       (3) "Child protective services" means those services provided by  
15 the department designed to protect children from child abuse and  
16 neglect and safeguard such children from future abuse and neglect,  
17 and conduct investigations of child abuse and neglect reports.  
18 Investigations may be conducted regardless of the location of the  
19 alleged abuse or neglect. Child protective services includes referral  
20 to services to ameliorate conditions that endanger the welfare of  
21 children, the coordination of necessary programs and services  
22 relevant to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child  
23 abuse and neglect, and services to children to ensure that each child  
24 has a permanent home. In determining whether protective services  
25 should be provided, the department shall not decline to provide such  
26 services solely because of the child's unwillingness or developmental  
27 inability to describe the nature and severity of the abuse or  
28 neglect.

29       (4) "Child protective services section" means the child  
30 protective services section of the department.

31       (5) "Children's advocacy center" means a child-focused facility  
32 in good standing with the state chapter for children's advocacy  
33 centers and that coordinates a multidisciplinary process for the  
34 investigation, prosecution, and treatment of sexual and other types  
35 of child abuse. Children's advocacy centers provide a location for  
36 forensic interviews and coordinate access to services such as, but  
37 not limited to, medical evaluations, advocacy, therapy, and case  
38 review by multidisciplinary teams within the context of county  
39 protocols as defined in RCW 26.44.180 and 26.44.185.

1 (6) "Clergy" means any regularly licensed or ordained minister,  
2 priest, or rabbi of any church or religious denomination, whether  
3 acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any  
4 public or private organization or institution.

5 (7) "Court" means the superior court of the state of Washington,  
6 juvenile department.

7 (8) "Department" means the state department of social and health  
8 services.

9 (9) "Family assessment" means a comprehensive assessment of child  
10 safety, risk of subsequent child abuse or neglect, and family  
11 strengths and needs that is applied to a child abuse or neglect  
12 report. Family assessment does not include a determination as to  
13 whether child abuse or neglect occurred, but does determine the need  
14 for services to address the safety of the child and the risk of  
15 subsequent maltreatment.

16 (10) "Family assessment response" means a way of responding to  
17 certain reports of child abuse or neglect made under this chapter  
18 using a differential response approach to child protective services.  
19 The family assessment response shall focus on the safety of the  
20 child, the integrity and preservation of the family, and shall assess  
21 the status of the child and the family in terms of risk of abuse and  
22 neglect including the parent's or guardian's or other caretaker's  
23 capacity and willingness to protect the child and, if necessary, plan  
24 and arrange the provision of services to reduce the risk and  
25 otherwise support the family. No one is named as a perpetrator, and  
26 no investigative finding is entered in the record as a result of a  
27 family assessment.

28 (11) "Founded" means the determination following an investigation  
29 by the department that, based on available information, it is more  
30 likely than not that child abuse or neglect did occur.

31 (12) "Inconclusive" means the determination following an  
32 investigation by the department, prior to October 1, 2008, that based  
33 on available information a decision cannot be made that more likely  
34 than not, child abuse or neglect did or did not occur.

35 (13) "Institution" means a private or public hospital or any  
36 other facility providing medical diagnosis, treatment, or care.

37 (14) "Law enforcement agency" means the police department, the  
38 prosecuting attorney, the state patrol, the director of public  
39 safety, or the office of the sheriff.

1 (15) "Malice" or "maliciously" means an intent, wish, or design  
2 to intimidate, annoy, or injure another person. Such malice may be  
3 inferred from an act done in willful disregard of the rights of  
4 another, or an act wrongfully done without just cause or excuse, or  
5 an act or omission of duty betraying a willful disregard of social  
6 duty.

7 (16) "Negligent treatment or maltreatment" means an act or a  
8 failure to act, or the cumulative effects of a pattern of conduct,  
9 behavior, or inaction, that evidences a serious disregard of  
10 consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present  
11 danger to a child's health, welfare, or safety, including but not  
12 limited to conduct prohibited under RCW 9A.42.100. When considering  
13 whether a clear and present danger exists, evidence of a parent's  
14 substance abuse as a contributing factor to negligent treatment or  
15 maltreatment shall be given great weight. The fact that siblings  
16 share a bedroom is not, in and of itself, negligent treatment or  
17 maltreatment. Poverty, homelessness, or exposure to domestic violence  
18 as defined in RCW 26.50.010 that is perpetrated against someone other  
19 than the child does not constitute negligent treatment or  
20 maltreatment in and of itself.

21 (17) "Pharmacist" means any registered pharmacist under chapter  
22 18.64 RCW, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee  
23 or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

24 (18) "Practitioner of the healing arts" or "practitioner" means a  
25 person licensed by this state to practice podiatric medicine and  
26 surgery, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, osteopathic  
27 medicine and surgery, or medicine and surgery or to provide other  
28 health services. The term "practitioner" includes a duly accredited  
29 Christian Science practitioner. A person who is being furnished  
30 Christian Science treatment by a duly accredited Christian Science  
31 practitioner will not be considered, for that reason alone, a  
32 neglected person for the purposes of this chapter.

33 (19) "Professional school personnel" include, but are not limited  
34 to, teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility  
35 personnel, and school nurses.

36 (20) "Psychologist" means any person licensed to practice  
37 psychology under chapter 18.83 RCW, whether acting in an individual  
38 capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private  
39 organization or institution.

1 (21) "Screened-out report" means a report of alleged child abuse  
2 or neglect that the department has determined does not rise to the  
3 level of a credible report of abuse or neglect and is not referred  
4 for investigation.

5 (22) "Sexual exploitation" includes: (a) Allowing, permitting, or  
6 encouraging a child to engage in prostitution by any person; or (b)  
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8 pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of a child by any  
9 person.

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11 RCW 74.13.075(1)(b) as being a sexually aggressive youth.

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18 employee or agent of any public or private organization or  
19 institution.

20 (25) "Supervising agency" means an agency licensed by the state  
21 under RCW 74.15.090 or an Indian tribe under RCW 74.15.190 that has  
22 entered into a performance-based contract with the department to  
23 provide child welfare services.

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27 that there is insufficient evidence for the department to determine  
28 whether the alleged child abuse did or did not occur.

29 (27) "Child forensic interview" means a developmentally sensitive  
30 and legally sound method of gathering factual information regarding  
31 allegations of child abuse, child neglect, or exposure to violence.  
32 This interview is conducted by a competently trained, neutral  
33 professional utilizing techniques informed by research and best  
34 practice as part of a larger investigative process.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 26.44.020 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 321 are each  
36 amended to read as follows:

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25 (27) "Child forensic interview" means a developmentally sensitive  
26 and legally sound method of gathering factual information regarding  
27 allegations of child abuse, child neglect, or exposure to violence.  
28 This interview is conducted by a competently trained, neutral  
29 professional utilizing techniques informed by research and best  
30 practice as part of a larger investigative process.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 26.44  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 Any and all audio and video recordings of child forensic  
34 interviews as defined in this chapter are exempt from disclosure  
35 under the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW. Such recordings are  
36 confidential under chapter 13.50 RCW and federal law and may only be  
37 disclosed pursuant to a court order entered upon a showing of good  
38 cause and with advance notice to the child's parent, guardian, or  
39 legal custodian. However, if the child is an emancipated minor or has

1 attained the age of majority as defined in RCW 26.28.010, advance  
2 notice must be to the child. Failure to disclose an audio or video  
3 recording of a child forensic interview as defined in this chapter is  
4 not grounds for penalties or other sanctions available under chapter  
5 42.56 RCW or RCW 13.50.100(10). Nothing in this section is intended  
6 to restrict the ability of the department or law enforcement to share  
7 child welfare information as authorized or required by state or  
8 federal law.

9       **Sec. 5.** RCW 26.44.185 and 2010 c 176 s 3 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11       (1) Each county shall revise and expand its existing child sexual  
12 abuse investigation protocol to address investigations of child  
13 fatality, child physical abuse, and criminal child neglect cases and  
14 to incorporate the statewide guidelines for first responders to child  
15 fatalities developed by the criminal justice training commission. The  
16 protocols shall address the coordination of child fatality, child  
17 physical abuse, and criminal child neglect investigations between the  
18 county and city prosecutor's offices, law enforcement, children's  
19 protective services, children's advocacy centers, where available,  
20 local advocacy groups, emergency medical services, and any other  
21 local agency involved in the investigation of such cases. The  
22 protocol shall include the handling of child forensic interview audio  
23 and video recordings in accordance with section 6 of this act. The  
24 protocol revision and expansion shall be developed by the prosecuting  
25 attorney in collaboration with the agencies referenced in this  
26 section.

27       (2) Revised and expanded protocols under this section shall be  
28 adopted and in place by July 1, 2008. Thereafter, the protocols shall  
29 be reviewed every two years to determine whether modifications are  
30 needed.

31       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33       (1) Any and all audio and video recordings of child forensic  
34 interviews disclosed in a criminal or civil proceeding must be  
35 subject to a protective order, or other such order, unless the court  
36 finds good cause that the interview should not be subject to such an  
37 order. The protective order shall include the following: (a) That the  
38 recording be used only for the purposes of conducting the party's

1 side of the case, unless otherwise agreed by the parties or ordered  
2 by the court; (b) that the recording not be copied, photographed,  
3 duplicated, or otherwise reproduced except as a written transcript  
4 that does not reveal the identity of the child; (c) that the  
5 recording not be given, displayed, or in any way provided to a third  
6 party, except as permitted in (d) or (e) of this subsection or as  
7 necessary at trial; (d) that the recording remain in the exclusive  
8 custody of the attorneys, their employees, or agents, including  
9 expert witnesses retained by either party, who shall be provided a  
10 copy of the protective order; (e) that, if the party is not  
11 represented by an attorney, the party, their employees, and agents,  
12 including expert witnesses, shall not be given a copy of the  
13 recording but shall be given reasonable access to view the recording  
14 by the custodian of the recording; and (f) that upon termination of  
15 representation or upon disposition of the matter at the trial court  
16 level, attorneys and other custodians of recordings promptly return  
17 all copies of the recording.

18 (2) A violation of a court order pursuant to this section is  
19 subject to a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars, in addition  
20 to any other appropriate sanction by the court.

21 (3) Nothing in this section is intended to restrict the ability  
22 of the department or law enforcement to share child welfare  
23 information as authorized or required by state or federal law.

24 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.56.240 and 2017 c 261 s 7 and 2017 c 72 s 3 are  
25 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

26 The following investigative, law enforcement, and crime victim  
27 information is exempt from public inspection and copying under this  
28 chapter:

29 (1) Specific intelligence information and specific investigative  
30 records compiled by investigative, law enforcement, and penology  
31 agencies, and state agencies vested with the responsibility to  
32 discipline members of any profession, the nondisclosure of which is  
33 essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any  
34 person's right to privacy;

35 (2) Information revealing the identity of persons who are  
36 witnesses to or victims of crime or who file complaints with  
37 investigative, law enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the  
38 commission, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical  
39 safety, or property. If at the time a complaint is filed the

1 complainant, victim, or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or  
2 nondisclosure, such desire shall govern. However, all complaints  
3 filed with the commission about any elected official or candidate for  
4 public office must be made in writing and signed by the complainant  
5 under oath;

6 (3) Any records of investigative reports prepared by any state,  
7 county, municipal, or other law enforcement agency pertaining to sex  
8 offenses contained in chapter 9A.44 RCW or sexually violent offenses  
9 as defined in RCW 71.09.020, which have been transferred to the  
10 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs for permanent  
11 electronic retention and retrieval pursuant to RCW 40.14.070(2)(b);

12 (4) License applications under RCW 9.41.070; copies of license  
13 applications or information on the applications may be released to  
14 law enforcement or corrections agencies;

15 (5) Information revealing the identity of child victims of sexual  
16 assault who are under age eighteen. Identifying information means the  
17 child victim's name, address, location, photograph, and in cases in  
18 which the child victim is a relative or stepchild of the alleged  
19 perpetrator, identification of the relationship between the child and  
20 the alleged perpetrator;

21 (6) Information contained in a local or regionally maintained  
22 gang database as well as the statewide gang database referenced in  
23 RCW 43.43.762;

24 (7) Data from the electronic sales tracking system established in  
25 RCW 69.43.165;

26 (8) Information submitted to the statewide unified sex offender  
27 notification and registration program under RCW 36.28A.040(6) by a  
28 person for the purpose of receiving notification regarding a  
29 registered sex offender, including the person's name, residential  
30 address, and email address;

31 (9) Personally identifying information collected by law  
32 enforcement agencies pursuant to local security alarm system programs  
33 and vacation crime watch programs. Nothing in this subsection shall  
34 be interpreted so as to prohibit the legal owner of a residence or  
35 business from accessing information regarding his or her residence or  
36 business;

37 (10) The felony firearm offense conviction database of felony  
38 firearm offenders established in RCW 43.43.822;

39 (11) The identity of a state employee or officer who has in good  
40 faith filed a complaint with an ethics board, as provided in RCW

1 42.52.410, or who has in good faith reported improper governmental  
2 action, as defined in RCW 42.40.020, to the auditor or other public  
3 official, as defined in RCW 42.40.020;

4 (12) The following security threat group information collected  
5 and maintained by the department of corrections pursuant to RCW  
6 72.09.745: (a) Information that could lead to the identification of a  
7 person's security threat group status, affiliation, or activities;  
8 (b) information that reveals specific security threats associated  
9 with the operation and activities of security threat groups; and (c)  
10 information that identifies the number of security threat group  
11 members, affiliates, or associates;

12 (13) The global positioning system data that would indicate the  
13 location of the residence of an employee or worker of a criminal  
14 justice agency as defined in RCW 10.97.030;

15 (14) Body worn camera recordings to the extent nondisclosure is  
16 essential for the protection of any person's right to privacy as  
17 described in RCW 42.56.050, including, but not limited to, the  
18 circumstances enumerated in (a) of this subsection. A law enforcement  
19 or corrections agency shall not disclose a body worn camera recording  
20 to the extent the recording is exempt under this subsection.

21 (a) Disclosure of a body worn camera recording is presumed to be  
22 highly offensive to a reasonable person under RCW 42.56.050 to the  
23 extent it depicts:

24 (i)(A) Any areas of a medical facility, counseling, or  
25 therapeutic program office where:

26 (I) A patient is registered to receive treatment, receiving  
27 treatment, waiting for treatment, or being transported in the course  
28 of treatment; or

29 (II) Health care information is shared with patients, their  
30 families, or among the care team; or

31 (B) Information that meets the definition of protected health  
32 information for purposes of the health insurance portability and  
33 accountability act of 1996 or health care information for purposes of  
34 chapter 70.02 RCW;

35 (ii) The interior of a place of residence where a person has a  
36 reasonable expectation of privacy;

37 (iii) An intimate image as defined in RCW 9A.86.010;

38 (iv) A minor;

39 (v) The body of a deceased person;

1 (vi) The identity of or communications from a victim or witness  
2 of an incident involving domestic violence as defined in RCW  
3 10.99.020 or sexual assault as defined in RCW 70.125.030, or  
4 disclosure of intimate images as defined in RCW 9A.86.010. If at the  
5 time of recording the victim or witness indicates a desire for  
6 disclosure or nondisclosure of the recorded identity or  
7 communications, such desire shall govern; or

8 (vii) The identifiable location information of a community-based  
9 domestic violence program as defined in RCW 70.123.020, or emergency  
10 shelter as defined in RCW 70.123.020.

11 (b) The presumptions set out in (a) of this subsection may be  
12 rebutted by specific evidence in individual cases.

13 (c) In a court action seeking the right to inspect or copy a body  
14 worn camera recording, a person who prevails against a law  
15 enforcement or corrections agency that withholds or discloses all or  
16 part of a body worn camera recording pursuant to (a) of this  
17 subsection is not entitled to fees, costs, or awards pursuant to RCW  
18 42.56.550 unless it is shown that the law enforcement or corrections  
19 agency acted in bad faith or with gross negligence.

20 (d) A request for body worn camera recordings must:

21 (i) Specifically identify a name of a person or persons involved  
22 in the incident;

23 (ii) Provide the incident or case number;

24 (iii) Provide the date, time, and location of the incident or  
25 incidents; or

26 (iv) Identify a law enforcement or corrections officer involved  
27 in the incident or incidents.

28 (e)(i) A person directly involved in an incident recorded by the  
29 requested body worn camera recording, an attorney representing a  
30 person directly involved in an incident recorded by the requested  
31 body worn camera recording, a person or his or her attorney who  
32 requests a body worn camera recording relevant to a criminal case  
33 involving that person, or the executive director from either the  
34 Washington state commission on African-American affairs, Asian  
35 Pacific American affairs, or Hispanic affairs, has the right to  
36 obtain the body worn camera recording, subject to any exemption under  
37 this chapter or any applicable law. In addition, an attorney who  
38 represents a person regarding a potential or existing civil cause of  
39 action involving the denial of civil rights under the federal or  
40 state Constitution, or a violation of a United States department of

1 justice settlement agreement, has the right to obtain the body worn  
2 camera recording if relevant to the cause of action, subject to any  
3 exemption under this chapter or any applicable law. The attorney must  
4 explain the relevancy of the requested body worn camera recording to  
5 the cause of action and specify that he or she is seeking relief from  
6 redaction costs under this subsection (14)(e).

7 (ii) A law enforcement or corrections agency responding to  
8 requests under this subsection (14)(e) may not require the requesting  
9 individual to pay costs of any redacting, altering, distorting,  
10 pixelating, suppressing, or otherwise obscuring any portion of a body  
11 worn camera recording.

12 (iii) A law enforcement or corrections agency may require any  
13 person requesting a body worn camera recording pursuant to this  
14 subsection (14)(e) to identify himself or herself to ensure he or she  
15 is a person entitled to obtain the body worn camera recording under  
16 this subsection (14)(e).

17 (f)(i) A law enforcement or corrections agency responding to a  
18 request to disclose body worn camera recordings may require any  
19 requester not listed in (e) of this subsection to pay the reasonable  
20 costs of redacting, altering, distorting, pixelating, suppressing, or  
21 otherwise obscuring any portion of the body worn camera recording  
22 prior to disclosure only to the extent necessary to comply with the  
23 exemptions in this chapter or any applicable law.

24 (ii) An agency that charges redaction costs under this subsection  
25 (14)(f) must use redaction technology that provides the least costly  
26 commercially available method of redacting body worn camera  
27 recordings, to the extent possible and reasonable.

28 (iii) In any case where an agency charges a requestor for the  
29 costs of redacting a body worn camera recording under this subsection  
30 (14)(f), the time spent on redaction of the recording shall not count  
31 towards the agency's allocation of, or limitation on, time or costs  
32 spent responding to public records requests under this chapter, as  
33 established pursuant to local ordinance, policy, procedure, or state  
34 law.

35 (g) For purposes of this subsection (14):

36 (i) "Body worn camera recording" means a video and/or sound  
37 recording that is made by a body worn camera attached to the uniform  
38 or eyewear of a law enforcement or corrections officer from a covered  
39 jurisdiction while in the course of his or her official duties and  
40 that is made on or after June 9, 2016, and prior to July 1, 2019; and



1 (ii) "Covered jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction that has  
2 deployed body worn cameras as of June 9, 2016, regardless of whether  
3 or not body worn cameras are being deployed in the jurisdiction on  
4 June 9, 2016, including, but not limited to, jurisdictions that have  
5 deployed body worn cameras on a pilot basis.

6 (h) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict  
7 access to body worn camera recordings as otherwise permitted by law  
8 for official or recognized civilian and accountability bodies or  
9 pursuant to any court order.

10 (i) Nothing in this section is intended to modify the obligations  
11 of prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement under *Brady v. Maryland*,  
12 373 U.S. 83, 83 S. Ct. 1194, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215 (1963), *Kyles v.*  
13 *Whitley*, 541 U.S. 419, 115 S. Ct. 1555, 131 L. Ed.2d 490 (1995), and  
14 the relevant Washington court criminal rules and statutes.

15 (j) A law enforcement or corrections agency must retain body worn  
16 camera recordings for at least sixty days and thereafter may destroy  
17 the records;

18 (15) Any records and information contained within the statewide  
19 sexual assault kit tracking system established in RCW 43.43.545;  
20 ((and))

21 (16)(a) Survivor communications with, and survivor records  
22 maintained by, campus-affiliated advocates.

23 (b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict  
24 access to records maintained by a campus-affiliated advocate in the  
25 event that:

26 (i) The survivor consents to inspection or copying;

27 (ii) There is a clear, imminent risk of serious physical injury  
28 or death of the survivor or another person;

29 (iii) Inspection or copying is required by federal law; or

30 (iv) A court of competent jurisdiction mandates that the record  
31 be available for inspection or copying.

32 (c) "Campus-affiliated advocate" and "survivor" have the  
33 definitions in RCW 28B.112.030; ((and))

34 (17) Information and records prepared, owned, used, or retained  
35 by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs and  
36 information and records prepared, owned, used, or retained by the  
37 Washington state patrol pursuant to chapter 261, Laws of 2017; and

38 (18) Any and all audio or video recordings of child forensic  
39 interviews as defined in chapter 26.44 RCW. Such recordings are  
40 confidential and may only be disclosed pursuant to a court order

1 entered upon a showing of good cause and with advance notice to the  
2 child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian. However, if the child  
3 is an emancipated minor or has attained the age of majority as  
4 defined in RCW 26.28.010, advance notice must be to the child.  
5 Failure to disclose an audio or video recording of a child forensic  
6 interview as defined in chapter 26.44 RCW is not grounds for  
7 penalties or other sanctions available under this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Section 7 of this act applies  
9 retroactively to all outstanding public records requests submitted  
10 prior to the effective date of this section.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 2 of this act expires July 1,  
12 2018.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 3 of this act takes effect July  
14 1, 2018.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Except for section 3 of this act, this  
16 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
17 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its  
18 existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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