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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Thibaudeau, Morris, Scott, Tokuda, Costa, Mason, Brown, Ogden, Basich, Wolfe, Patterson and Chopp)

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1 AN ACT Relating to death investigations in residential facilities
2 operated or under control of the department of social and health
3 services; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and adding a new
4 section to chapter 71A.12 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) If a death of a child occurs in a residential facility serving
9 children licensed by or under contract with the department of social
10 and health services, the department shall notify the coroner or medical
11 examiner the death occurred in a department licensed or contracted
12 facility.

13 (2) The department shall refer every child death under this section
14 to the local health department as defined in RCW 70.05.010 for a child
15 mortality review. The local health department shall conduct a child
16 mortality review pursuant to the provisions of RCW 70.05.170.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) If a death of a person with developmental disabilities occurs
2 in a residential facility serving people with developmental
3 disabilities licensed by, under contract with, or operated by the
4 department of social and health services, the department shall notify
5 the coroner or medical examiner the death occurred in a department
6 licensed, contracted, or operated facility.

7 (2) The department shall refer every death of a person with
8 developmental disabilities under this section to the local health
9 department as defined in RCW 70.05.010 for a mortality review. The
10 local health department shall conduct a mortality review using the
11 procedures established in RCW 70.05.170.

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