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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Brown, Long, Johanson, L. Johnson, Edmondson, Cothorn, Scott, Wood, Leonard, Brough, Kremen, Dyer, Brumsickle, Jones, King, Carlson, Karahalios, Schoesler, Hansen, Lemmon, Springer, Rayburn, Patterson, J. Kohl and Cooke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteers serving the needs of at-risk
2 children; and adding a new section to chapter 43.150 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.150 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any volunteer, including a volunteer organization, may assist a
7 public agency, with the agency's approval, in a collaborative program
8 for serving the needs of at-risk youth as defined by RCW 13.32A.030(5).
9 Such programs shall be established in accordance with guidelines issued
10 by the center for volunteerism and citizen service defining reasonable
11 safety standards to protect the safety of program participants and
12 volunteers. In carrying out the volunteer activity, the volunteer
13 shall not be considered an employee or agent of the public agency
14 administering the collaborative program. A volunteer who has complied
15 with these reasonable safety standards shall be presumed to be acting
16 in good faith. To recover damages, a claimant must establish by a
17 preponderance of the evidence that a public agency or other sponsor of

1 a program under this section failed to comply with the reasonable
2 safety standards of the guidelines.

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