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1 AN ACT Relating to children; and amending RCW 13.32A.060.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.060 and 1985 c 257 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 (1)
6 or (2) shall inform the child of the reason for such custody and shall
7 either:

8 (a) Transport the child to his or her home. The officer releasing
9 a child into the custody of the parent shall inform the parent of the
10 reason for the taking of the child into custody and shall inform the
11 child and the parent of the nature and location of appropriate services
12 available in their community; or

13 (b) Take the child to a designated crisis residential center ((~~or~~
14 ~~the home of a responsible adult~~)):

15 (i) If the child evinces fear or distress at the prospect of being
16 returned to his or her home; or

17 (ii) If the officer believes there is a possibility that the child
18 is experiencing in the home some type of child abuse or neglect, as
19 defined in RCW 26.44.020, as now law or hereafter amended; or

1 (iii) If it is not practical to transport the child to his or her
2 home; or

3 (iv) If there is no parent available to accept custody of the
4 child.

5 ~~((The officer releasing a child into the custody of a responsible
6 adult shall inform the child and the responsible adult of the nature
7 and location of appropriate services available in the community.))~~

8 (2) An officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 (3)
9 or (4) shall inform the child of the reason for custody, and shall take
10 the child to a designated crisis residential center licensed by the
11 department and established pursuant to chapter 74.13 RCW. However, an
12 officer taking a child into custody under RCW 13.32A.050(4) may place
13 the child in a juvenile detention facility as provided in RCW
14 13.32A.065. The department shall ensure that all the enforcement
15 authorities are informed on a regular basis as to the location of the
16 designated crisis residential center or centers in their judicial
17 district, where children taken into custody under RCW 13.32A.050 may be
18 taken.

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