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5 On page 3, after line 26 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions  
9 in this section apply in this section.

10 (a) "Community child death review team" means a multidisciplinary,  
11 multiagency team, including without limitation professionals in the  
12 area of public health, medicine, law enforcement, mental health, social  
13 services, chemical dependency treatment, child welfare, and social work  
14 and representation from the foster parent community and the general  
15 public, who perform a comprehensive evaluation of circumstances leading  
16 up to the unexpected death of a minor in the care of the department.

17 (b) "Consistent process of review" means the use of protocols that  
18 ensure the comprehensive evaluation of circumstances leading up to the  
19 unexpected death of a minor.

20 (c) "Department" means the department of social and health  
21 services.

22 (d) "Unexpected or unexplained death of a minor" means a death not  
23 resulting from a diagnosed terminal illness or other debilitating or  
24 deteriorating illness or condition where death is anticipated.

25 (2) The department, in consultation with the department of health  
26 and with coroners and medical examiners, shall review deaths of minors  
27 under this section by using a two-step process.

28 (a) The regional administrator for the department in the region  
29 where the death occurred, in consultation with the local coroner or  
30 medical examiner, shall perform fact-finding regarding the unexpected  
31 death of a minor, and shall present the results of the fact-finding to  
32 the community child death review team, which shall convene to review  
33 the death.

34 (b) The community child death review team shall meet to consider  
35 and review the child's death. Members of the team shall be reimbursed  
36 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (3) The department shall adopt rules regarding child death review  
2 under this section, including, but not limited to time frames for  
3 completion of child death review, the manner of deaths subject to  
4 review, and the membership of community child death review teams, for  
5 purposes of reviewing unexpected or unexplained deaths of children in  
6 the care of or receiving the services of the department.

7 (4) The department of health and the department shall provide an  
8 annual, joint report to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
9 on child deaths in Washington state. This report shall include, but  
10 not be limited to, information on deaths attributed to child  
11 maltreatment and deaths of children in the care of or receiving those  
12 services described in this chapter from the department.

13 (5) This section does not apply to cases involving stillborn  
14 infants in hospitals, nor to predischarge deaths of infants delivered  
15 in neonatal intensive care units in hospitals."

16 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
17 internal references accordingly.

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21 On page 4, line 5 of the title amendment, before "creating" insert  
22 "adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW;"

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