

1 **ESSB 5082 - H AMD 522 WITHDRAWN 4-11-97**

2 By Representative Boldt

3 On page 10, after line 32, insert the following:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7** A new section is added to chapter 71.34  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Any provider of outpatient treatment for a minor thirteen  
7 years of age or older shall provide notice of the treatment to the  
8 minor's parents. The notice shall be made upon the completion of  
9 the minor's third visit for treatment, and shall contain the name,  
10 location, and telephone number of the mental health care provider  
11 who is designated to discuss the minor's need for treatment with  
12 the parent.

13 (2) A treatment provider may defer notification to a parent of  
14 a minor's request for treatment if: (a) The minor alleges physical  
15 or sexual abuse by the parent and the treatment provider notifies  
16 the department of the alleged abuse. Upon completion of its  
17 assessment of the allegation, the department shall notify the  
18 treatment provider of its findings. If the department determines  
19 the allegation is not valid, the treatment provider shall  
20 immediately notify the parent of the minor's treatment. If the  
21 department determines the allegation is valid, the treatment  
22 provider need not provide notice to the parent; or (b) the provider  
23 believes the parental notification will interfere with the  
24 necessary treatment for the minor. If the provider believes the  
25 notification will interfere with the necessary treatment, the  
26 provider shall notify the department. The department shall review  
27 the circumstances and pursue either a child in need of services  
28 petition, if the child meets the definition of a child in need of  
29 services under RCW 13.32A.030(4)(c), or a dependency petition under  
30 chapter 13.34 RCW, if the child meets the definition of a dependent  
31 child under RCW 13.34.030(4). If the department determines neither  
32 petition is appropriate it shall immediately inform the provider,  
33 who shall notify the parent of the treatment within twenty-four  
34 hours or after the third visit for treatment, whichever is later.-

Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct title.

**EFFECT:** Requires parental notification of a minor's outpatient mental health treatment after the minor's third visit for treatment.