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3 By Senators Long and Hargrove

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5 On page 43, after line 31, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 42. The secretary of the department of social  
7 and health services shall review the mission statement and guiding  
8 principles for the children's administration for the purpose of  
9 developing an operating statement. The operating statement shall  
10 establish a formal framework for implementation of the administration's  
11 mission and shall include: (1) Prioritization of management and worker  
12 actions; (2) methods of ensuring accountability for attaining the  
13 mission by both management and workers; (3) clear definitions of "child  
14 safety" and "reasonable efforts"; and (4) methods for broad  
15 dissemination of the administration's child welfare plan.

16 The secretary shall submit a copy of the operating statement for  
17 the children's administration to the legislature by October 31, 1998."

18 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
19 references accordingly.

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Effect: DSHS is required to develop an operating statement for the Children's Administration which implement it's mission statement. The statement will include prioritization of actions, methods of ensuring accountability, clear definitions, and dissemination of the child welfare plan.