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HOUSE BILL 1858

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By Representatives Boldt, Cooke, Dickerson and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to information about parents' rights; amending RCW  
2 26.44.120; and adding a new section to chapter 26.44 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 26.44 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Whenever child protective services or law enforcement is  
7 investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect, the parents of  
8 the child who are the subject of the allegation shall be advised orally  
9 and in writing of their basic rights and other specific information as  
10 set forth in this chapter, in compliance with the legislative intent in  
11 RCW 26.44.100.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.44.120 and 1985 c 183 s 5 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 Whenever the child protective services worker is required to notify  
15 parents and children of their basic rights and other specific  
16 information as set forth in RCW 26.44.105 through 26.44.115 and section  
17 1 of this act, the child protective services worker shall also make a

1 reasonable effort to notify the noncustodial parent of the same  
2 information in a timely manner.

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