

1858-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Cooke, Dickerson
and Mulliken)

Brief Title: Requiring parents who are the subject of an abuse or
neglect allegation to be notified of their rights.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/12/98)

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

Requires that, as soon as possible, and in no event longer than forty-eight hours after the child has been taken into custody, child protective services shall inform the parents, guardian, or legal custodian of the case plan for the child. Whenever child protective services modifies the case plan or records the summary assessment finding for the case, they shall inform the parents, guardian, or legal custodian within twenty-four hours of the modification or the recording of the finding. The notification shall not reveal the identities of any person or disclose any information that would place the child's health, welfare, or safety at risk.