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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of legal services
2 for victims of domestic violence; creating a new section; and providing
3 an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state institute for public
6 policy shall study the availability of pro bono legal services for
7 victims of domestic violence who have children. The study shall
8 include the following:

9 (1) Any factors preventing victims of domestic violence who have
10 children from obtaining pro bono legal services;

11 (2) Methods to increase the availability of pro bono legal services
12 for victims of domestic violence who have children including, but not
13 limited to:

14 (a) Providing a reduction of the state business and occupation tax
15 for businesses who provide pro bono legal services for victims of
16 domestic violence who have children; and

17 (b) Increasing the availability of state-funded pro bono legal
18 services to victims of domestic violence who have children.

1 (3) An examination, in both urban and rural areas, of the cost,
2 feasibility, and effectiveness of each method identified in subsection
3 (2) of this section.

4 (4) The cost savings to the state from the increased availability
5 of pro bono legal services for victims of domestic violence with
6 children resulting from the implementation of the methods identified in
7 subsection (2) of this section.

8 The Washington state institute for public policy shall report its
9 findings to the legislature by January 3, 2000.

10 This section expires January 31, 2000.

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