
SENATE BILL 5835

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By Senators Stevens, Haugen, Zarelli, Wojahn, Thibaudeau, Rasmussen, Oke and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health
4 services, in concert with community-based organizations, shall develop
5 a plan for a comprehensive respite care system for children and
6 families. In developing the plan, the department shall assess the
7 current system, review available research, evaluate program needs, and
8 evaluate program models. The comprehensive plan shall identify
9 necessary and appropriate respite services for families with children
10 who are in foster care, for adoptive families, and for kinship
11 placement families. The department shall submit the plan to the
12 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives no
13 later than December 31, 1999.

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