

1692-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Tokuda, Boldt, Edmonds, Dickerson, Talcott, Kastama, Lovick, Wood, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Eickmeyer, Ogden, Santos, Mitchell, Bush and Stensen)

Brief Title: Providing special training for those who interview child witnesses and victims.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that investigative interviewers shall receive introductory and ongoing specialized training in interviewing children. Specialized training shall be prioritized for persons primarily responsible for investigating child abuse.

Directs the commission, the department of social and health services, and the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys to design and implement state-wide training that contains consistent elements for persons engaged in the interviewing of children, including law enforcement, prosecution, and child protective services.

Directs the department to establish three pilot projects involving child abuse and neglect investigations. The projects shall use different methods and techniques to conduct and preserve interviews with alleged child victims of abuse and neglect.

Makes appropriations of unspecified amounts to carry out the purposes of the act.