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Sponsor(s): Senators Long, Stevens, Hargrove, Costa, Roach, Winsley, Oke, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Establishing a team to create state-wide protocols for interviews relating to investigations of allegations of child abuse.

**SB 5711 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to create an interdisciplinary team, housed in the office of family and children's ombudsman, to review the techniques of interviews conducted of children and adults during allegations of child abuse and to create state-wide protocols for conducting such interviews.

Declares an intent to improve the training and resources available to individuals who conduct interviews and to increase the accuracy of risk assessments and determinations of fact associated with interviews.

Directs the ombudsman to report once every two years to the legislature and governor on the effectiveness of the protocols developed under this act, their implementation, and changes that have been made in the protocols since the previous report.