
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1274

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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz and Carrell; by request of Administrator for the Courts)

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1 AN ACT Relating to emancipation of minors; and amending RCW
2 13.64.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.64.040 and 1993 c 294 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The hearing on the petition shall be before a judge or superior
7 court commissioner of a unified family court, sitting without a
8 jury. Prior to the presentation of proof the judge or superior
9 court commissioner of a unified family court shall determine
10 whether: (1) The petitioning minor understands the consequences of
11 the petition regarding his or her legal rights and
12 responsibilities; (2) a guardian ad litem should be appointed to
13 investigate the allegations of the petition and file a report with
14 the court.

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