
HOUSE BILL 2799

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Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to unfounded reports of child abuse or neglect by
2 child day-care centers and family day-care providers; and amending RCW
3 26.44.031.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.44.031 and 1997 c 282 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) To protect the privacy in reporting and the maintenance of
8 reports of nonaccidental injury, neglect, death, sexual abuse, and
9 cruelty to children by their parents, and to safeguard against
10 arbitrary, malicious, or erroneous information or actions, the
11 department shall not maintain information related to unfounded
12 referrals in files or reports of child abuse or neglect for longer than
13 six years except as provided in this section.

14 (2) At the end of six years from receipt of the unfounded report,
15 the information shall be purged unless an additional report has been
16 received in the intervening period.

17 (3) For child day-care centers and family day-care providers
18 licensed by the department under chapter 74.15 RCW, the information
19 shall be purged at the end of three years from receipt of the unfounded

1 report unless an additional report has been received in the intervening
2 period.

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