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By Senators Long, Hargrove and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to information sharing among the courts, providers,  
2 divisions, and agencies serving dependent children and their families;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Recent analysis of the child dependency  
6 system following the death of Zy'Nya Nobles indicated poor  
7 communication of relevant information from the courts, to the  
8 department, within programs between caseworkers, between divisions,  
9 among specialists, caregivers, and family. Appropriate service  
10 delivery necessitates communication of relevant information. Barriers  
11 to appropriate communication must be eliminated.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 When a child dependency case is filed under this chapter, the  
15 department shall facilitate communication of relevant information among

1 divisions, providers, the courts, the family, caregivers, caseworkers,  
2 and others needed to serve the best interests of the child.

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