

6625-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections  
(originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Carlson, Hargrove,  
Zarelli, Long and Winsley)

Brief Description: Formalizing the relationship between the  
department of social and health services and the state school for  
the deaf.

**SB 6625-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/16/02)

Requires the department to investigate referrals of alleged  
child abuse or neglect occurring at the state school for the deaf,  
including alleged incidents involving students abusing other  
students; determine whether there is a finding of abuse or neglect;  
and determine whether a referral to law enforcement is appropriate  
under chapter 26.44 RCW.

Directs the department to send a copy of the investigation  
report, including the finding, regarding any incidents of alleged  
child abuse or neglect at the state school for the deaf to the  
school's superintendent.

Requires the department of social and health services to  
periodically monitor the residential program at the state school  
for the deaf, including but not limited to examining the  
residential-related policies and procedures as well as the  
residential facilities. The department of social and health  
services must make recommendations to the school's superintendent  
and the board of trustees or its successor board on health and  
safety improvements related to child safety and well-being. The  
department of social and health services must conduct the  
monitoring reviews at least quarterly until December 1, 2006.

Requires the department of social and health services to  
conduct a comprehensive child health and safety review, as defined  
in rule, of the residential program at the state school for the  
deaf every three years.