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By Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The department of social and health services shall develop
6 consistent policies and protocols, based on current relevant research,
7 concerning visitation for children in foster care to be implemented
8 consistently throughout the state. The department shall develop the
9 policies and protocols in consultation with researchers in the field,
10 community-based agencies, court-appointed special advocates, parents'
11 representatives, and court representatives. The policies and protocols
12 shall include, but not be limited to: The structure and quality of
13 visitations; and training for caseworkers, visitation supervisors, and
14 foster parents related to visitation.

15 The policies and protocols shall be consistent with the provisions
16 of this chapter and implementation of the policies and protocols shall
17 be consistent with relevant orders of the court.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services
19 shall report on the policies and protocols required under section 1 of
20 this act to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1,
21 2005."

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22 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "care;" strike the remainder

1 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; and
2 creating a new section."

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