

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 3092

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Children & Family Services & Corrections, February 26, 2004

Title: An act relating to the uniform parentage act.

Brief Description: Making technical correction to the uniform parentage act.

Sponsors: House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Law (originally sponsored by Representative Delvin).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/26/04 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Deccio, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

Staff: Fara Daun (786-7459)

Background: Under the Uniform Parentage Act, current law permits a person to rescind an acknowledgment or denial of paternity within 60 days after the effective day of the filing of the document. There is concern that this provision needs clarification.

Summary of Bill: A person who wishes to rescind his acknowledgment or denial of paternity must do so within 60 days after the effective date of the document.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Currently, the effective date is the date that the document is received by the Department of Health and "of the filing" has no meaning. This technical amendment would prevent future problems if the two dates were to differ.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Linda Langston, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Support Enforcement (pro).