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By House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Law (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Hinkle, Dickerson, McDonald, Clibborn, P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Roach, Orcutt, Morrell, Kenney, Wallace and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public access to child in need of services and
2 at-risk youth hearings; and amending RCW 13.32A.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.200 and 2000 c 123 s 25 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 All hearings pursuant to this chapter may be conducted at any time
7 or place within the county of the residence of the parent and such
8 cases (~~((shall not))~~) may be heard in conjunction with the business of
9 any other division of the superior court. The public shall not be
10 excluded from (~~((hearings and only such persons who are found by the
11 court to have a direct interest in the case or the work of the court
12 shall be admitted to the proceedings))~~) a child in need of services
13 hearing unless the judge finds that excluding the public is in the best
14 interests of the child. The public shall not be excluded from an at-
15 risk youth hearing. However, the court shall exclude the public if
16 either parent requests that the public be excluded.

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