
HOUSE BILL 2992

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1 AN ACT Relating to notification of parents, guardians, and
2 custodians when a juvenile is taken into custody by law enforcement;
3 adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Parents have a fundamental interest in
6 knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for
7 questioning and where their child is being held. Because a parent or
8 guardian is most often in a position to provide a juvenile with
9 guidance in matters of great importance to a juvenile, it is the intent
10 of the legislature to assist parents in their ability to aid and guide
11 their children when making important legal decisions, including the
12 decision to waive legal rights during custodial interrogations. It is
13 also the intent of the legislature to provide children in police
14 custody the opportunity to seek and receive consultation with his or
15 her parents.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 When a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody, the

1 officer must make reasonable attempts to notify a parent, guardian, or
2 custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is
3 being held.

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