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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5834**

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**State of Washington**

**59th Legislature**

**2005 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Hargrove and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/05.

1       AN ACT Relating to studying juvenile offender case filings;  
2       creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Statistical data available from the  
5       administrative office of the courts suggests that juvenile offender  
6       case filings in King county have dropped at a faster rate than juvenile  
7       offender case filings in other counties in the state. In order to  
8       better inform the legislature in developing public policy to assist in  
9       the reduction of all juvenile offender case filings throughout the  
10      state, the legislature finds that it is important to study the factors  
11      contributing to the differences in the filing rates.

12      NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
13      committee shall study the rates of juvenile offender case filings in  
14      counties across the state and focus on factors that may contribute to  
15      the difference in filing rates. The study shall contemplate data  
16      compiled over the past ten years in at least the following areas:

- 17      (a) Referrals to the juvenile justice system;  
18      (b) Arrest rates;

- 1 (c) Incarceration rates;
- 2 (d) Differences in risk assessment tools used over time and across  
3 geographical areas;
- 4 (e) Rates at which moderate and high-risk juvenile offenders are  
5 receiving delivery of programs which meet the Washington state  
6 institute for public policy's effectiveness standards for juvenile  
7 accountability programs, such as aggression replacement therapy,  
8 functional family therapy, and multisystemic therapy;
- 9 (f) Recidivism rates;
- 10 (g) Implementation of local laws focusing on juvenile offenders;
- 11 (h) Funding levels and sources of funding for programs directed at  
12 juvenile offenders;
- 13 (i) Demographic factors;
- 14 (j) Changes in the handling of cases involving juvenile offenders  
15 after implementation of the Becca bills; and
- 16 (k) The effects of the establishment of juvenile drug courts and  
17 treatment courts.
- 18 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall report  
19 its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the  
20 legislature by December 1, 2005.
- 21 (3) This section expires January 1, 2006.

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