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By Senators McAuliffe, Thibaudeau, Stevens, Hargrove, Regala, Shin and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to missing and runaway children; and amending RCW
2 13.32A.086.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.32A.086 and 1995 c 312 s 37 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Whenever a law enforcement agency receives a report from a parent
7 that his or her child, or child over whom the parent has custody, is
8 missing or has without permission of the parent left the home or
9 residence lawfully prescribed for the child under circumstances where
10 the parent believes that the child is missing or has run away from the
11 home or the residence, the agency shall provide for placing information
12 identifying the child in files under RCW 43.43.510.

13 If a law enforcement officer has reasonable cause to believe that
14 a child is missing, has run away, or is otherwise absent from the
15 parent's home without consent, the officer shall make a good faith
16 effort to locate the child upon receipt of a report under this chapter
17 or chapter 13.60 or 43.43 RCW. A law enforcement officer acting in
18 good faith pursuant to the requirements of this section, and any entity

1 of local or state government employing the officer, may not be held
2 liable in any cause of action for civil damages based upon the
3 requirements of this section.

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