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By Senators McAuliffe, Eide, Weinstein, Schmidt, Berkey, Rasmussen, Franklin, Keiser and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile interrogation; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 13.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that parents have a fundamental interest  
7 in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for  
8 questioning and where their child is being held.

9 (2) When a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody,  
10 a reasonable attempt must be made to notify a parent, guardian, or  
11 custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is  
12 being held.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By July 1, 2006, the administrative  
14 office of the courts shall, within existing resources, convene and  
15 chair a work group to review statewide practices, protocols, and  
16 policies on the interrogation of juveniles in the custody of law  
17 enforcement.

1 (2) In addition to the administrative office of the courts, the  
2 work group shall be comprised of the following members:

3 (a) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

4 (b) A member designated by the Washington prosecutors association;

5 (c) A member of the Washington state patrol, designated by the  
6 chief of the state patrol;

7 (d) A member designated by the Washington association of sheriffs  
8 and police chiefs;

9 (e) A member of an organization that provides assistance to persons  
10 who are victims of juvenile crime, designated by the administrative  
11 office of the courts;

12 (f) A member designated by the Washington association of criminal  
13 defense attorneys;

14 (g) A member of an organization providing legal defense services to  
15 children, designated by the administrative office of the courts;

16 (h) A member of an organization that primarily provides services to  
17 children and families involved with the criminal justice system,  
18 designated by the administrative office of the courts; and

19 (i) An academic with a doctorate degree in child development,  
20 designated by the administrative office of the courts.

21 (3) Members of the work group shall serve without compensation but  
22 may be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and  
23 43.03.060.

24 (4) The chair of the work group shall report to the appropriate  
25 committees of the legislature on the work of the work group not later  
26 than January 1, 2007.

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