
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8408

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By Senators Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

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1 WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes the need to have adequately
2 trained and capable caseworkers to assess cases involving child abuse
3 and neglect, especially where there is potential for serious injury or
4 death of a child;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
6 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee
7 be created to explore best practices for the Department of Social and
8 Health Services Children's Administration caseworkers and supervisors
9 of caseworkers addressing child abuse and neglect. The committee shall
10 be staffed by the Washington Association for the Prevention of Child
11 Abuse and Neglect and shall include one representative from each of the
12 following groups: Children's Administration headquarters management,
13 Children's Administration accredited field office management, child
14 protective services caseworkers, child welfare caseworkers, Washington
15 Federation of State Employees, Washington Association of Sheriffs and
16 Police Chiefs, Department of Health, Office of Family and Children's
17 Ombudsman, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Public Defense,
18 Prosecutors, and Superior Court Judges; and four members of the
19 legislature, including two members of the senate appointed by the
20 president of the senate, one of the majority party and one of the

1 minority party, and two members of the house of representatives
2 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including one
3 of the majority party and one of the minority party. A legislator
4 shall serve as chair of the committee.

5 The committee shall review all aspects of the current Children's
6 Administration caseworker training academy curriculum on child abuse
7 and neglect, as well as caseworker supervisor training. The committee
8 shall review best practices for caseworker and supervisor training as
9 identified by the Council on Accreditation. The committee shall review
10 all child fatality review team reports and recommendations published by
11 the Department of Social and Health Services since January 1, 2000.
12 The committee shall consult with experts in child abuse and neglect as
13 needed to develop recommendations; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee begin meeting in July
15 2005 and submit a final report with recommendations to the appropriate
16 committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the
17 Department of Social and Health Services, by September 30, 2006.

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