

**SHB 1287** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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1 On page 12, after line 29, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 6. RCW 74.13.280 and 2001 c 318 s 3 are each amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 (1) Except as provided in RCW 70.24.105, whenever a child is placed  
5 in out-of-home care by the department or a child-placing agency, the  
6 department or agency shall share information about the child and the  
7 child's family with the care provider and shall consult with the care  
8 provider regarding the child's case plan. If the child is dependent  
9 pursuant to a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, the department or  
10 agency shall keep the care provider informed regarding the dates and  
11 location of dependency review and permanency planning hearings  
12 pertaining to the child.

13 (2) Any person who receives information about a child or a child's  
14 family pursuant to this section shall keep the information confidential  
15 and shall not further disclose or disseminate the information except as  
16 authorized by law. Care providers shall agree in writing to keep the  
17 information that they receive confidential and shall affirm that the  
18 information will not be further disclosed or disseminated, except as  
19 authorized by law.

20 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the  
21 authority of the department or child-placing agencies to disclose  
22 client information or to maintain client confidentiality as provided by  
23 law.

24 **Sec. 7.** RCW 74.13.285 and 2000 c 88 s 2 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (1) Within available resources, the department shall prepare a  
27 passport containing all known and available information concerning the  
28 mental, physical, health, and educational status of the child for any  
29 child who has been in a foster home for ninety consecutive days or

1 more. The passport shall contain education records obtained pursuant  
2 to RCW 28A.150.510. The passport shall be provided to a foster parent  
3 at any placement of a child covered by this section. The department  
4 shall update the passport during the regularly scheduled court reviews  
5 required under chapter 13.34 RCW.

6 New placements after July 1, 1997, shall have first priority in the  
7 preparation of passports. Within available resources, the department  
8 may prepare passports for any child in a foster home on July 1, 1997,  
9 provided that no time spent in a foster home before July 1, 1997, shall  
10 be included in the computation of the ninety days.

11 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this  
12 section, the department shall, within available resources, notify a  
13 foster parent before placement of a child of any known health  
14 conditions that pose a serious threat to the child and any known  
15 behavioral history that presents a serious risk of harm to the child or  
16 others.

17 (3) The department shall hold harmless the provider for any  
18 unauthorized disclosures caused by the department.

19 (4) Any foster parent who receives information about a child or a  
20 child's family pursuant to this section shall keep the information  
21 confidential and shall not further disclose or disseminate the  
22 information, except as authorized by law. Such individuals shall agree  
23 in writing to keep the information that they receive confidential and  
24 shall affirm that the information will not be further disclosed or  
25 disseminated, except as authorized by law.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
29 July 1, 2007."

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1        On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "13.34.145," strike "and" and  
2 after "13.34.062" insert ", 74.13.280, and 74.13.285"

3        On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "13.34.062;" strike "and" and  
4 after "13.34 RCW" insert "; providing an effective date; and declaring  
5 an emergency"

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