

**HB 1333 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, prior to the child returning home, the department must complete the following: (1) Identify any person who will act as a caregiver for the child and determine whether the caregiver is in need of any services in order to ensure the safety of the child, regardless of whether the caregiver is a party to the dependency. If services are recommended for the caregiver, and the caregiver fails to engage in the recommended services, the child welfare worker must promptly notify the court;

(2) Identify all adults residing in the home and conduct background checks on those persons; and

(3) Notify the parent in the home to which the child is being returned that he or she has an ongoing duty to notify the department of any persons who are residing in the home or acting as a caregiver for the child.

Provides that, if a child is removed from home due to allegations of abuse or neglect, returned home, and subsequently removed and placed in out-of-home care, the court shall hold a permanency hearing no later than thirty days from the date of the removal to determine the appropriate action, including a change in the permanency plan or the filing of a termination petition. The best interests of the child shall be the primary consideration in determining the appropriate action.

Requires the criminal justice training commission to implement by January 1, 2008, a course of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers in Washington in the handling of child abuse or neglect complaints. The basic law enforcement curriculum of the criminal justice training commission shall include basic training instruction on child abuse and neglect issues. The course of instruction, the learning and performance objectives, and the standards for the training shall be developed by the commission and shall be required for all new law enforcement officers.

Directs the department of social and health services, the attorney general, and the judicial branch to identify all cases in which a dependency has been established under chapter 13.34 RCW and in which the permanency planning goals have not been achieved within fifteen months of when the child was placed in out-of-home care. The agencies shall also identify the reasons for the noncompliance. The department, the attorney general, and the judicial branch shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature before December 1, 2007, and before December 1st of each year thereafter.