

HB 1624 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that a child may petition the juvenile court to reinstate the previously terminated parental rights of his or her parent under the following circumstances: (1) The child must have been found to be a dependent child under chapter 13.34 RCW and be in the custody of the state;

(2) The child must be at least twelve years of age at the time the petition to reinstate parental rights is filed;

(3) At least three years have passed from the date of entry of an order for the termination of parental rights under RCW 13.34.190;

(4) The child has not been adopted;

(5) The petition is signed by the child in the absence of a showing of good cause as to why the child could not do so; and

(6) The court has determined that reinstating the parental rights of the child's parent is in the best interest of the child after conducting the inquiry required in this act.

Provides that the state or a person, individually or in a representative capacity for the state, who is involved in the delivery of social and health services through the department of social and health services, is not liable for selecting one of two or more alternative courses of action even though the course of action chosen results in a poor outcome if the person exercised reasonable care and skill in arriving at the judgment to follow the particular course of action.