
HOUSE BILL 2726

State of Washington

62nd Legislature

2012 Regular Session

By Representatives Ahern and McCune

Read first time 01/27/12. Referred to Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

1 AN ACT Relating to criminalizing the failure to report the death or
2 disappearance of a child within a specified time by certain persons
3 responsible for the care of the child; adding a new chapter to Title 9A
4 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Any parent, legal guardian, or caregiver who
7 knowingly fails to notify law enforcement within forty-eight hours of
8 learning that a child, in his or her care and less than thirteen years
9 of age, is missing is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Any parent, legal guardian, or caregiver who
11 knowingly fails to notify law enforcement within six hours of learning
12 of the death of a minor child in his or her care is guilty of a class
13 C felony.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
15 new chapter in Title 9A RCW.

--- END ---