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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2196**

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**State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2014 Regular Session**

**By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representative Jenkins)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to the courts' consultation of the judicial  
2 information system before granting orders; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 2.28 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 2.28 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) Before granting an order under any of the following titles of  
8 the laws of the state of Washington, the court may consult the judicial  
9 information system or any related databases, if available, to determine  
10 criminal history or the pendency of other proceedings involving the  
11 parties:

12            (a) Granting any temporary or final order establishing a parenting  
13 plan or residential schedule or directing residential placement of a  
14 child or restraining or limiting a party's contact with a child under  
15 Title 26 RCW;

16            (b) Granting any order regarding a vulnerable child or adult or  
17 alleged incapacitated person irrespective of the title or where  
18 contained in the laws of the state of Washington;

1 (c) Granting letters of guardianship or administration or letters  
2 testamentary under Title 11 RCW;

3 (d) Granting any relief under Title 71 RCW;

4 (e) Granting any relief in a juvenile proceeding under Title 13  
5 RCW.

6 (2) In the event that the court consults such a database, the court  
7 shall disclose that fact to the parties and shall disclose any  
8 particular matters relied upon by the court in rendering the decision.  
9 A copy of the document relied upon must be filed, as a confidential  
10 document, within the court file, with any confidential contact  
11 information such as addresses, phone numbers, or other information that  
12 might disclose the location or whereabouts of any person redacted from  
13 the document or documents.

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