
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5897

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2015 Regular Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Darneille, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding for medical evaluations of
2 suspected victims of child abuse; adding a new section to chapter
3 7.68 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds medical examinations
6 are important for children who may be victims of physical abuse. The
7 legislature finds that contributing to the cost of these examinations
8 will incentivize timely evaluations, lead to early identification of
9 abuse, and potentially prevent a child from further traumatization or
10 injury.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
14 specific purpose, the department must pay, secondary to other
15 insurance benefits, all costs incurred by an institution as defined
16 by RCW 26.44.020 for the examination of a suspected victim of assault
17 of a child when the examination is conducted within seventy-five days
18 of the filing of a petition for dependency under chapter 13.34 or
19 26.44 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires June 30, 2019.

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