

HB 2621 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the department of social and health services to maintain and share records of child abuse and neglect with the department of early learning for purposes of determining character and suitability of child care workers.

Includes the department of early learning in the definition of "juvenile justice or care agency" for purposes of chapter 13.50 RCW (records by juvenile justice or care agencies).

Requires the department of early learning to: (1) Be given access to certain records and information collected and retained by a juvenile justice or care agency; and

(2) In order to satisfy its background check requirements, obtain from the department of social and health services records of each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure, and other persons having unsupervised access to children in care.