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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Stevens, Boldt, Cooke, Koster, McMahan, Lambert, Pelesky, D. Schmidt, Hargrove, Benton, Backlund and Carrell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to competency examinations for children's services
2 caseworkers; amending RCW 74.14B.010; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.14B RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.14B.010 and 1987 c 503 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Caseworkers employed in children services shall meet minimum
8 standards established by the department of social and health services.
9 Comprehensive training for caseworkers shall be completed before such
10 caseworkers are assigned to case-carrying responsibilities (~~without~~
11 ~~direct supervision~~). Before being assigned any cases, caseworkers
12 shall successfully pass competency examinations designed to demonstrate
13 the ability of the caseworker to fulfill the responsibilities of his or
14 her position successfully. Intermittent, part-time, and standby
15 workers shall be subject to the same minimum standards (~~and~~),
16 training, and examinations.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.14B RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 The competency examination required under RCW 74.14B.010 shall
2 cover applicable state statutes, rules, and policies related to the
3 investigation, handling, and disposition of child abuse and neglect
4 allegations. The department shall develop a proposed competency test
5 and present it to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
6 representatives by December 1, 1995, for purposes of their review and
7 their providing comments and advice to the department.

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