

2 **SHB 2568** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.44 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The department must investigate referrals of alleged child
10 abuse or neglect occurring at the state school for the deaf, including
11 alleged incidents involving students abusing other students; determine
12 whether there is a finding of abuse or neglect; and determine whether
13 a referral to law enforcement is appropriate under this chapter.

14 (2) The department must send a copy of the investigation report,
15 including the finding, regarding any incidents of alleged child abuse
16 or neglect at the state school for the deaf to the school's
17 superintendent. The department may include recommendations to the
18 superintendent and the board of trustees or its successor board for
19 increasing the safety of the school's students.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.40 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The department of social and health services must periodically
23 monitor the residential program at the state school for the deaf,
24 including but not limited to examining the residential-related policies
25 and procedures as well as the residential facilities. The department
26 of social and health services must make recommendations to the school's
27 superintendent and the board of trustees or its successor board on
28 health and safety improvements related to child safety and well-being.
29 The department of social and health services must conduct the
30 monitoring reviews at least quarterly until December 1, 2006.

31 (2) The department of social and health services must conduct a
32 comprehensive child health and safety review, as defined in rule, of
33 the residential program at the state school for the deaf every three
34 years. The department of social and health services must deliver the
35 first health and safety review to the governor, the legislature, the

1 school's superintendent, and the school's board of trustees or
2 successor board by December 1, 2004.

3 (3) The state school for the deaf must provide the department of
4 social and health services' staff with full and complete access to all
5 records and documents that the department staff may request to carry
6 out the requirements of this section. The department of social and
7 health services must have full and complete access to all students and
8 staff of the state school for the deaf to conduct interviews to carry
9 out the requirements of this section.

10 (4) For the purposes of this section, the department of social and
11 health services must use the safety standards established in this
12 chapter when conducting the reviews."

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16 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "deaf;" strike the remainder
17 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 26.44 RCW; and
18 adding a new section to chapter 72.40 RCW."

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