

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2189

59th Legislature
2005 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 19, 2005
Yeas 96 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 14, 2005
Yeas 47 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2189** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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State of Washington **59th Legislature** **2005 Regular Session**

By Representatives Kagi, Hinkle, Dickerson, Roberts, Darneille, Simpson, Moeller, Morrell and Santos

Read first time 02/22/2005. Referred to Committee on Children & Family Services.

1 AN ACT Relating to the safety of child protective services and
2 child welfare services staff; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that efforts to
5 protect children from abuse and neglect and support families are
6 dependent upon the efforts of staff in the field who work directly with
7 the children and families of this state. Child protective services
8 staff investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect and,
9 when necessary, intervene by providing services designed to increase
10 children's safety and protect them from further harm. Child welfare
11 services staff provide longer-term services to families, including
12 intensive treatment services to children and families who may need help
13 with chronic or serious problems that interfere with their ability to
14 protect or parent children.

15 The legislature determines that in order to perform their work, the
16 safety of child protective services and child welfare services staff
17 must be addressed.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of social and health
2 services shall establish a work group to develop policies and protocols
3 to address the safety of child protective services and child welfare
4 services staff.

5 (2) The department of social and health services shall make
6 recommendations regarding training to address recognition of highly
7 volatile, hostile, and/or threatening situations and de-escalation and
8 preventive safety measures.

9 (3) Membership of the work group shall include the following:
10 Representatives of the children's administration of the department of
11 social and health services, including representatives of child
12 protective services staff and child welfare services staff from
13 community service offices in largely rural areas of the state as well
14 as urban areas; law enforcement; and prosecuting attorneys.

15 (4) The department of social and health services shall provide the
16 developed recommendations, policies, and protocols to the governor and
17 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005.

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