

(9) Upon receiving reports of abuse or neglect, the department or law enforcement agency may interview children. The interviews may be conducted on school premises, at day-care facilities, at the child's home, or at other suitable locations outside of the presence of parents. Parental notification of the interview shall occur at the earliest possible point in the investigation that will not jeopardize the safety or protection of the child or the course of the investigation. Prior to commencing the interview the department or law enforcement agency shall determine whether the child wishes a third party to be present for the interview and, if so, shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the child's wishes. Unless the child objects, the department or law enforcement agency shall make reasonable efforts to include a third party in any interview so long as the presence of the third party will not jeopardize the course of the investigation.

(10) Upon receiving a report of incidents, conditions, or circumstances of child abuse and neglect, the department shall have access to all relevant records of the child in the possession of mandated reporters and their employees.

(11) The department shall maintain investigation records and conduct timely and periodic reviews of all cases constituting abuse and neglect. The department shall maintain a log of screened-out nonabusive cases.

(12) The department of social and health services shall, within funds appropriated for this purpose, use a risk assessment tool when investigating child abuse and neglect referrals. The tool shall be used, on a pilot basis, in three local office service areas. The department shall, within funds appropriated for this purpose, offer enhanced community-based services to persons who are determined not to require further state intervention.

The department shall report to the ways and means committees of the senate and house of representatives on the use of the tool by December 1, 1988. The report shall include recommendations on the continued use and possible expanded use of the tool.

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CHAPTER 40

[Senate Bill No. 6556]

BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEES

AN ACT Relating to specifying the uses of fees paid for birth certificates suitable for display; and amending RCW 70.58.107.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 3, chapter 223, Laws of 1987 and RCW 70.58.107 are each amended to read as follows:

The department of social and health services shall charge a fee of eleven dollars for certified copies of records and for copies or information provided for research, statistical, or administrative purposes, and eight dollars for a search of the files or records when no copy is made. The department shall prescribe by regulation fees to be paid for preparing sealed files and for opening sealed files.

No fee may be demanded or required for furnishing certified copies of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or legal separation record for use in connection with a claim for compensation or pension pending before the veterans administration.

The state department of social and health services shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received and turn the fees over to the state treasurer on a weekly basis.

Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation, except that local registrars shall charge eleven dollars for the first copy of a death certificate and six dollars for each additional copy of the same death certificate when the additional copies are ordered at the same time as the first copy. All such fees collected, except for three dollars of each fee for the issuance of a certified copy, shall be paid to the jurisdictional health department.

All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received under this section for the issuance of certified copies and shall turn three dollars of the fee over to the state treasurer on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October.

Three dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the state treasurer in the death investigations account established by RCW 43.79.445.

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CHAPTER 41

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1450]

TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM FOR MANUFACTURING OR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS—EXTENSION

AN ACT Relating to excise tax deferrals and credits for manufacturing and research and development activities; and amending RCW 82.61.010, 82.61.040, 82.61.070, 82.62.040, and 82.60.050.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: