
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6457

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By Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Stevens, Deccio, Prentice,
Parlette, Hargrove, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption; and creating a new section.

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
4 convene a study panel composed of four members from the legislature:
5 Two members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the
6 senate, including one member of the majority party and one member of
7 the minority party; and two members of the house of representatives to
8 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including
9 one member from the majority party and one member from the minority
10 party. The study group shall invite the participation of the governor.
11 The study panel shall create an advisory committee of invited
12 representatives from federally recognized Indian tribes, the Washington
13 state bar association, the judiciary, adoption agencies and child-
14 placing agencies including state, nonprofit, and those agencies
15 providing services for domestic or international adoptions, adoptive
16 parents, and adoptees to participate in the study panel. The study
17 panel shall solicit comments from the community, study, and report
18 findings and recommendations regarding the current adoption statutes
19 and policies related to the following issues: Adoption-related fees;

1 barriers to adoption; child selling and buying; adoption facilitation,
2 advertising, and marketing; assisted reproductive technology;
3 discrimination in adoption based upon ability to pay, race, color, or
4 national origin of child or parent; background checks; and agency
5 licensing and credentialing. The study panel shall report its findings
6 to the legislature by January 1, 2005.

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