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By Senators Brandland and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the accreditation of the department of social  
2 and health services children's administration offices; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and repealing RCW 74.13.017.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) All field offices and the headquarters office of the children's  
8 administration in the department shall become accredited by a  
9 nationally recognized child welfare accrediting entity no later than  
10 December 31, 2008.

11 (2) If an unexpected fatality or near fatality of a child receiving  
12 care or services from a particular field office occurs, the department  
13 shall notify the accrediting entity of this fact. Within six months of  
14 the occurrence of the fatality or near fatality, the accrediting entity  
15 shall review that office to determine whether the office continues to  
16 meet accreditation standards.

17 (3) For purposes of this section, "near fatality" has the same  
18 meaning as that stated in RCW 74.13.500(4).

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   RCW 74.13.017 (Accreditation--Completion  
2   date) and 2003 c 207 s 8 & 2001 c 265 s 2 are each repealed.

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