
HOUSE BILL 1785

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By Representatives Armstrong, O'Brien, Condotta, and Kelley; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state patrol chief for a day
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington
6 state patrol's participation in charitable work, such as the chief for
7 a day program that provides special attention to chronically ill
8 children through recognition by various law enforcement agencies within
9 the state, advances the overall purposes of the department by promoting
10 positive relationships between law enforcement and the citizens of the
11 state of Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) To promote positive relationships between law enforcement and
15 the citizens of the state of Washington, the Washington state patrol
16 may participate in the chief for a day program. The chief of the
17 Washington state patrol may designate staff who may participate in
18 organizing the event. The Washington state patrol may accept grants of

1 funds and gifts to be utilized in furtherance of this purpose, and may
2 use their public facilities for such purpose. At all times, the
3 participation of the Washington state patrol must comply with chapter
4 42.52 RCW.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "chief for a day program"
6 means a program in which the Washington state patrol partners with
7 other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, hospitals,
8 and the community to provide a day of special attention to chronically
9 ill children. Each child is selected and sponsored by a law
10 enforcement agency. The event, chief for a day, may occur on the
11 grounds and in the facilities of the Washington state patrol. The
12 program may include any appropriate honoring of the child as a chief,
13 such as a certificate swearing them in as a chief, a badge, a uniform,
14 and donated gifts. The gifts may include, but are not limited to,
15 games, puzzles, and art supplies.

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