

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5897**

Chapter 100, Laws of 2015

64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

CHILD ABUSE--EXAMS--FUNDING

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/2015

Passed by the Senate March 6, 2015  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 13, 2015  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 24, 2015 3:55 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5897** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

April 25, 2015

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Darneille, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1           AN ACT Relating to providing funding for medical evaluations of  
2 suspected victims of child abuse; adding a new section to chapter  
3 7.68 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds medical examinations  
6 are important for children who may be victims of physical abuse. The  
7 legislature finds that contributing to the cost of these examinations  
8 will incentivize timely evaluations, lead to early identification of  
9 abuse, and potentially prevent a child from further traumatization or  
10 injury.

11           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13           Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
14 specific purpose, the department must pay, secondary to other  
15 insurance benefits, all costs incurred by an institution as defined  
16 by RCW 26.44.020 for the examination of a suspected victim of assault  
17 of a child when the examination is conducted within seventy-five days  
18 of the filing of a petition for dependency under chapter 13.34 or  
19 26.44 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act expires June 30, 2019.

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