
HOUSE BILL 1599

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By Representatives Goodman, Berry, Ramel, and Pollet; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to court files and records exemptions for firearm
2 background checks; and amending RCW 71.05.620.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.05.620 and 2018 c 201 s 3028 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The files and records of court proceedings under this chapter
7 and chapter 71.34 RCW shall be closed but shall be accessible to:

8 (a) The department;

9 (b) The department of social and health services;

10 (c) The authority;

11 (d) The state hospitals as defined in RCW 72.23.010;

12 (e) Any person who is the subject of a petition;

13 (f) The attorney or guardian of the person;

14 (g) Resource management services for that person; ~~((and))~~

15 (h) Service providers authorized to receive such information by
16 resource management services; and

17 (i) The Washington state patrol firearms background division to
18 conduct background checks for processing and purchasing firearms,
19 concealed pistol licenses, alien firearms licenses, firearm rights
20 restoration petitions under chapter 9.41 RCW, and release of firearms
21 from evidence, including appeals of denial.

1 (2) The authority shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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