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SB 5333

UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT

The 2018 passage of SB 6037, which dealt with parentage, resulted in a conflict between existing terms and those included in the 2018 bill. The conflict could lead to unintended consequences.

WACO and County Clerks proposed the Legislature revert to prior language concerning the disclosure of the documents that are filed after a parentage decision is made by the court.

Reverting to the prior language corrects the potential for conflict but doesn't change any of the substantive provisions of the 2018 enactment.

The role of County Clerk was established in the Washington State Constitution to serve the public interest by protecting the integrity, transparency and accessibility of the Superior Court, its records and finances. As an independent elected official, the clerk preserves for the public unrestrained access to a fair, accurate and independently established record of the opinions, decisions and judgments of the Court.