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HOUSE BILL 1693

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1            AN ACT Relating to foster parents; adding a new section to chapter  
2 74.13 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that foster parents  
5 are often required to spend their own money on the care and treatment  
6 of foster children because the department of social and health services  
7 reimburses foster parents retrospectively for expenses incurred. This  
8 places an additional burden on foster parents who are currently  
9 experiencing more difficult children for placement, low reimbursement  
10 rates, and demands for increased training and service outcomes.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
12 under the subchapter heading "Foster Care" to read as follows:

13           (1) The department of social and health services shall develop a  
14 system for issuing, through arrangements with appropriate financial  
15 institutions or department stores, state credit cards to foster  
16 parents. The credit cards shall be used exclusively for the care and  
17 support of foster children placed with the foster parent by the  
18 department.

1       (2) The department shall adopt rules for:  
2       (a) The distribution of the credit cards;  
3       (b) The authorization and control of the use of the credit cards;  
4       (c) The credit limits available on the credit cards;  
5       (d) Payments of the bills; and  
6       (e) Any other rule necessary to implement or administer the program  
7 under this section.

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