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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2587**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Mielke, Boldt, Clements and Schoesler)

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

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) If the department investigates a therapeutic or treatment  
7 foster home for an allegation of an improper action and the child is  
8 removed from the home, the foster home shall continue to receive  
9 payment for the care of the child until the department determines if  
10 the allegation is founded or criminal charges are filed.

11 (2) For the purpose of this section a "therapeutic or treatment  
12 foster home" is a licensed foster family which has been identified to  
13 care for extremely behaviorally/emotionally disturbed children who  
14 cannot function in a family home without specialized treatment and  
15 expertise.

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