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HOUSE BILL 2606

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents; and adding a new section to  
2 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) A person is not eligible to become a foster parent if he or she  
7 has a criminal record indicating a felony offense committed within the  
8 past ten years from the date he or she applies to become a foster  
9 parent, or five or more misdemeanor offenses committed within the past  
10 three years from the date he or she applies to become a foster parent.

11 (2) An individual is permanently barred from becoming a foster  
12 parent if he or she has a criminal record indicating that the person  
13 has committed an offense involving the following crimes:

14 (a) A sex offense set out under chapter 9A.44 RCW;

15 (b) Any offense involving a controlled substance set out under  
16 chapter 69.50 RCW; or

1 (c) Any offense where one of the elements of the crime is violent  
2 behavior toward a child or vulnerable adult.

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