
HOUSE BILL 2869

State of Washington

56th Legislature

2000 Regular Session

By Representatives Tokuda, Clements, Boldt, Regala, Radcliff, D. Schmidt, Lovick, Talcott, Cooper, Edwards, Stensen, O'Brien, Keiser, Constantine, Dickerson, Kenney, Conway, Mitchell, Ogden, Rockefeller, McIntire, Edmonds, Veltoria, Santos, Wood, Cody and Kagi

Read first time 01/21/2000. Referred to Committee on Children & Family Services.

1 AN ACT Relating to children with special needs; adding new sections
2 to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.05 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Children with physical, mental, or
6 behavioral needs present complex challenges to child care providers.
7 To assure that the child care system has capable providers willing to
8 serve children with special needs, the legislature finds that training
9 and technical assistance opportunities for child care providers require
10 expansion to include an emphasis on serving children with special
11 needs.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 A scholarship program is created for child care providers seeking
15 training to enable them to competently serve children with special
16 needs. Child care providers are eligible for the scholarship program
17 if they: (1) Currently serve children with special needs; or (2) are
18 seeking to enhance their skills so that they may serve children with

1 special needs in the future. The scholarship program shall be
2 coordinated with, and is intended to supplement, training funds
3 available to the state training and registration system.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A technical assistance program is created for: (1) Child care
7 providers currently serving children with special needs; and (2) child
8 care providers seeking to enhance their skills so that they may serve
9 children with special needs in the future. The local child care
10 resource and referral agencies are authorized to coordinate outreach
11 and recruitment services, training, technical assistance, and
12 consultation services, including access to mental health consultations.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 70.05 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Each local health department shall have available one full-time
16 nurse consultant to provide assessment and consultation to parents of
17 children with special needs and to child care providers serving
18 children with special needs.

--- END ---