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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, McCaslin, Long, Costa,
Sheahan, Patterson, Kline, Winsley, Haugen, Franklin and Gardner)

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to foster care
services and reimbursements.

SB 6474-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to develop a training curriculum for foster parents by which foster parents receiving level I or II exceptional cost plan reimbursement or an exceptional amount in addition to those levels are required to complete a certain number of hours of training on an annual basis to continue receiving the higher rates of reimbursement. The training required of each foster parent shall be directly related to the specific special needs of the foster child or children for whom the foster parent provides care. The annual amount of training required shall be determined by the department in rule.

Requires the department to develop by Septmeber 1, 2000, and implement by December 15, 2000, a state-wide policy for the provision of a minimum level of respite care for all licensed foster parents.

Directs the assistant secretary for the children's administration at the department to convene a quality improvement team whose sole responsibility shall be to oversee the implementation of this act.