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By Representative Boldt

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents' rights; amending RCW 74.13.280
2 and 74.13.330; and adding new sections 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 Foster parents have the right to be free of coercion,
7 discrimination, and reprisal in serving foster children, including the
8 right to voice grievances about treatment furnished or not furnished to
9 the foster child.

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

12 No department employee may retaliate against a foster parent or in
13 any other manner discriminate against any foster parent because:

14 (1) The foster parent made a complaint with the office of family
15 and children's ombudsman, the attorney general, law enforcement
16 agencies, or the department, provided information, or otherwise
17 cooperated with the investigation of such a complaint;

1 (2) The foster parent has caused to be instituted any proceedings
2 under or related to Title 13 RCW;

3 (3) The foster parent has testified or is about to testify in any
4 such proceedings;

5 (4) The foster parent has advocated for services on behalf of the
6 foster child;

7 (5) The foster parent has sought to adopt a foster child in the
8 foster parent's care; or

9 (6) The foster parent has discussed or consulted with anyone
10 concerning the foster parent's rights under this chapter or chapter
11 74.15 or 13.34 RCW.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.13.280 and 1997 c 272 s 7 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) Except as provided in RCW 70.24.105, whenever a child is placed
15 in out-of-home care by the department or a child-placing agency, the
16 department or agency shall(~~(, within available resources,)~~) share
17 information about the child and the child's family with the care
18 provider and shall(~~(, within available resources,)~~) consult with the
19 care provider regarding the child's case plan. If the child is
20 dependent pursuant to a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, the
21 department or agency shall keep the care provider informed regarding
22 the dates and location of dependency review and permanency planning
23 hearings pertaining to the child.

24 (2) Any person who receives information about a child or a child's
25 family pursuant to this section shall keep the information confidential
26 and shall not further disclose or disseminate the information except as
27 authorized by law.

28 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the
29 authority of the department or child-placing agencies to disclose
30 client information or to maintain client confidentiality as provided by
31 law.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.13.330 and 1990 c 284 s 23 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 Foster parents are responsible for the protection, care,
35 supervision, and nurturing of the child in placement. As an integral
36 part of the foster care team, foster parents shall(~~(,)~~): Assist in
37 family visitation, including monitoring; model effective parenting

1 behavior for the natural family; and if appropriate and they desire
2 to((:)),_ participate in the development of the service plan for the
3 child and the child's family((; ~~assist in family visitation, including~~
4 ~~monitoring; and model effective parenting behavior for the natural~~
5 family)).

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