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Services.

1 AN ACT Relating to school placement for school age children in
2 foster care; 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) A school age child in foster care fewer than sixty days shall,
7 unless it is determined to be not in the best interest of the child,
8 continue to attend school at the home school, notwithstanding the
9 physical location of the child's principal abode. The best interest of
10 the child determination shall be made at the seventy-two hour shelter
11 care hearing, and reviewed at any subsequent shelter care hearing.

12 (2) The department, the home school, and the school that serves the
13 child's foster home shall negotiate a plan for transporting the child
14 to the home school. This transportation plan shall assign
15 responsibility to:

16 (a) Transport the child; and

17 (b) Pay the costs associated with the transportation.

1 The department shall pay the transportation costs for no more than
2 the first five school days of the foster care placement. Thereafter,
3 one or both of the affected schools shall pay the transportation costs.

4 (3) If the department places a child in foster care, and the child
5 does not continue to attend school at the home school, the department
6 shall notify the home school.

7 (4) For the purposes of this section, "home school" means the
8 school where the child was enrolled before entering foster care.

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