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1 AN ACT Relating to services for children with developmental
2 disabilities; adding a new section to chapter 71A.18 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the importance of
6 the option provided in RCW 74.13.350 for the parent of a child with
7 developmental disabilities to seek an out-of-home placement through a
8 voluntary placement agreement to obtain needed services for the child.

9 It is the intent of the legislature that a child with developmental
10 disabilities receive components of the current array of services and
11 supports in the family home at a level of intensity such that entry
12 into the voluntary placement program occurs only when necessary.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.18 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The department shall provide appropriate components of the
16 currently available services and supports array to an eligible child
17 with developmental disabilities at a level comparable to that provided
18 in the voluntary placement program, excluding the room and board

1 component of that program. The department shall assure that these
2 services assist families in keeping the child in the family home until
3 it is appropriate and feasible for the child to live elsewhere. The
4 department shall determine eligibility for services under chapter
5 71A.16 RCW.

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