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By Representatives Edwards, Campbell and Skinner

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1 AN ACT Relating to boarding home providers; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that the
5 department of social and health services must adopt due process rules
6 to clarify for boarding home providers definitions and thresholds for
7 noncompliance or violations of chapter 18.20 RCW that trigger sanctions
8 available to the department under RCW 18.20.190. It is the intent of
9 the legislature that sanctions under RCW 18.20.190 not be imposed for
10 violations of chapter 18.20 RCW that: (1) Do not cause more than
11 minimal actual harm to a resident; (2) do not appear to be systemic in
12 nature with the potential, if uncorrected, to cause significant
13 physical harm to residents; (3) do not cause or create imminent danger
14 of significant physical harm to one or more residents, unless such a
15 violation is recurring; and (4) are corrected prior to the last day of
16 the department's on-site visit in which such a violation is discovered.
17 In adopting due process rules, the department of social and health
18 services must work with boarding home providers, organizations
19 representing boarding homes, residents, and those representing

1 residents of boarding homes. The department must adopt rules governing
2 the rights of boarding home providers to appeal, under chapter 34.05
3 RCW, findings of noncompliance or violations of chapter 18.20 RCW. The
4 department of social and health services must adopt its final rules by
5 September 1, 2002.

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