
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3115

State of Washington

59th Legislature

2006 Regular Session

By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Talcott, Morrell, Green, McDonald, Ormsby, Simpson and Roberts)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a foster parent critical support
2 and retention program; creating new sections; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Foster parents are able to successfully maintain placements of
7 children who are sexually reactive, physically assaultive, or who have
8 other high-risk behaviors when they are provided with proper training
9 and support. Lack of support contributes to placement disruptions and
10 multiple moves between foster homes.

11 (2) Young children who have experienced repeated early abuse and
12 trauma are at high risk for behavior later in life that is sexually
13 deviant, if left untreated. Placement with a well-trained, prepared,
14 and supported foster family can break this cycle.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A foster parent critical support and
16 retention program is established to retain foster parents who care for
17 children who act out sexually, are physically assaultive, or have other
18 high-risk behaviors. The foster parent critical support and retention

1 program is to be implemented under the division of children and family
2 services' contract and supervision. A contractor must demonstrate
3 experience providing in-home case management to foster homes that are
4 licensed through the division of children and family services.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Under the foster parent critical support and
6 retention program, foster parents who care for children who act out
7 sexually and/or physically or have other high-risk behaviors shall
8 receive:

- 9 (1) Twenty-four/seven emergency assistance;
- 10 (2) Assessment of risk and development of a safety and supervision
11 plan;
- 12 (3) Home-based foster parent training utilizing evidence-based
13 models;
- 14 (4) Ongoing support groups; and
- 15 (5) Referral to community services.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand
17 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
18 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the
19 division of children and family services for direct services for the
20 purposes of this act.

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