
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3115

State of Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (1) Twenty-four/seven emergency assistance;

9 (2) Assessment of risk and development of a safety and supervision
10 plan;

11 (3) Home-based foster parent training utilizing evidence-based
12 models;

13 (4) Ongoing support groups; and

14 (5) Referral to community services.

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