
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6749

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Schmidt and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

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.** A foster parent critical support and
6 retention program is established to retain foster parents who care for
7 sexually aggressive youth, physically assaultive children, or children
8 with other high-risk behaviors. The foster parent critical support and
9 retention program is to be implemented under the division of children
10 and family services' contract and supervision. A contractor must
11 demonstrate experience providing in-home case management to foster
12 homes that are licensed through the division of children and family
13 services.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Under the foster parent critical support and
15 retention program, foster parents who care for sexually aggressive
16 youth, physically assaultive children, or children with other high-risk
17 behaviors shall receive:

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

- 1 (2) Assessment of risk and development of a safety and supervision
2 plan;
3 (3) Home-based foster parent training utilizing evidence-based
4 models;
5 (4) Ongoing support groups; and
6 (5) Referral to community services.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand
8 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
9 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the
10 division of children and family services for direct services for the
11 purposes of this act.

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