
**Early Learning & Human Services
Committee**

HB 2256

Brief Description: Concerning the online availability of foster parent preservice training.

Sponsors: Representatives Graves, Frame, Dent, Kagi, Tarleton, Fey, Eslick, Slatter, Muri, Hargrove, Dolan, Senn, McDonald, Reeves, Young, Kloba, Ormsby, Lovick, Doglio, Stonier and Gregerson.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that all components of the foster parent pre-service training be made available online.
- Requires the department to allow individuals to complete as much online pre-service training as is practicable.

Hearing Date: 1/12/18

Staff: Luke Wickham (786-7146).

Background:

Foster Parent Pre-Service Training.

An individual must complete certain training requirements before becoming a licensed foster parent.

The first pre-service training requirement for foster parents is an orientation. The orientation provides an overview of the licensure process. Individuals are encouraged to attend this orientation in person but can complete an online orientation.

Following the orientation, individuals must complete 24 hours of core pre-service training. The Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence provides this training, which is only available in-person. This training consists of eight three-hour sessions and a break for a field experience.

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Prospective foster parents must also complete a first aid/CPR and blood borne pathogens course.

Summary of Bill:

All components of the foster parent pre-service training must be made available online. The Department of Social and Health Services must allow individuals to complete as much online pre-service training as is practicable.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.