

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2256

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

Sponsors: House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Graves, Frame, Dent, Kagi, Tarleton, Fey, Eslick, Slatter, Muri, Hargrove, Dolan, Senn, McDonald, Reeves, Young, Kloba, Ormsby, Lovick, Doglio, Stonier and Gregerson).

House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services
Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background:

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.

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

Summary:

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 preservice training as is practicable, while requiring that some preservice training be completed in person.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
Senate	49	0

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