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By Representatives Young, Shea, Taylor, Buys, and Hargrove

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1            AN ACT Relating to homeschooling foster youth; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 74.15 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** In August 2016, the department of social  
5 and health services proposed changes to foster parent licensing  
6 forbidding the provision of home-based instruction to all children in  
7 the care and custody of the department. This rule was made effective  
8 September 19, 2016, as WAC 388-148-1525.

9            As home-based instruction can be an appropriate and effective  
10 educational model for foster youth, the legislature intends to  
11 reverse WAC 388-148-1525(1)(b) and allow foster parents to provide  
12 home-based instruction to foster youth.

13           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.15  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15           Foster youth are able to receive home-based instruction as  
16 described by RCW 28A.225.010(4), including a home-based instruction  
17 offered by a foster parent, unless expressly prohibited by court

1 order after a court finds that it would not be in the child's best  
2 interest to receive home-based instruction.

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