
SENATE BILL 5663

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By Senators Zeiger, Takko, Frockt, Billig, and Carlyle

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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing support for foster youth in
2 obtaining drivers' licenses and automobile liability insurance;
3 adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and making an
4 appropriation.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the department shall contract with a private
10 nonprofit organization that agrees to work collaboratively with
11 independent living providers and the department and is selected after
12 a competitive application process to provide driver's license support
13 for foster youth, including youth receiving extended foster care
14 services.

15 (2) The nonprofit organization selected pursuant to subsection
16 (1) of this section shall provide support for foster youth ages
17 fifteen through twenty-one, including youth receiving extended foster
18 care services, in navigating the driver's licensing process. This
19 support must include:

20 (a) Reimbursement of fees necessary for a foster youth to obtain
21 a driver's instruction permit, an intermediate license, and a

1 standard or enhanced driver's license, including any required
2 examination fees, as described in chapter 46.20 RCW;

3 (b) Reimbursement of fees required for a foster youth to complete
4 a driver training education course, if the foster youth is under the
5 age of eighteen, as outlined in chapter 46.82 or 28A.220 RCW;

6 (c) Reimbursement of the increase in motor vehicle liability
7 insurance costs incurred by foster parents, relative placements, or
8 other foster placements adding a foster youth to his or her motor
9 vehicle liability insurance policy.

10 (3) By December 1, 2019, the nonprofit organization selected
11 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall submit a report to
12 the department and the appropriate committees of the legislature,
13 including the transportation committees of the legislature,
14 documenting the number of foster youth served by the program, the
15 average cost per youth served, and recommendations for future policy
16 or statutory or funding changes necessary to more effectively allow
17 foster youth to obtain drivers' licenses and motor vehicle liability
18 insurance.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of eight hundred thousand dollars,
20 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
21 fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2019, from the highway safety fund to
22 the department of social and health services for the purposes of this
23 act.

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