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By Senators Keiser and Bailey

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing training requirements for certain
2 respite care providers who provide respite to unpaid caregivers and
3 work three hundred hours or less in any calendar year; and amending
4 RCW 74.39A.076.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.076 and 2017 c 267 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Beginning January 7, 2012, except for long-term care workers
9 exempt from certification under RCW 18.88B.041(1)(a):

10 (a) A biological, step, or adoptive parent who is the individual
11 provider only for his or her developmentally disabled son or daughter
12 must receive twelve hours of training relevant to the needs of adults
13 with developmental disabilities within the first one hundred twenty
14 days after becoming an individual provider.

15 (b) A person working as an individual provider who (i) provides
16 respite care services only for individuals with developmental
17 disabilities receiving services under Title 71A RCW or only for
18 individuals who receive services under this chapter, and (ii) works
19 three hundred hours or less in any calendar year, must complete
20 fourteen hours of training within the first one hundred twenty days
21 after becoming an individual provider. Five of the fourteen hours

1 must be completed before becoming eligible to provide care, including
2 two hours of orientation training regarding the caregiving role and
3 terms of employment and three hours of safety training. The training
4 partnership identified in RCW 74.39A.360 must offer at least twelve
5 of the fourteen hours online, and five of those online hours must be
6 individually selected from elective courses.

7 (c) Individual providers identified in (c)(i) or (ii) of this
8 subsection must complete thirty-five hours of training within the
9 first one hundred twenty days after becoming an individual provider.
10 Five of the thirty-five hours must be completed before becoming
11 eligible to provide care. Two of these five hours shall be devoted to
12 an orientation training regarding an individual provider's role as
13 caregiver and the applicable terms of employment, and three hours
14 shall be devoted to safety training, including basic safety
15 precautions, emergency procedures, and infection control. Individual
16 providers subject to this requirement include:

17 (i) An individual provider caring only for his or her biological,
18 step, or adoptive child or parent unless covered by (a) of this
19 subsection;

20 (ii) A person working as an individual provider who provides
21 twenty hours or less of care for one person in any calendar month;
22 and

23 (iii) A person working as an individual provider who only
24 provides respite services and works less than three hundred hours in
25 any calendar year, unless covered by ~~((subsection--(1))~~(b) of this
26 ~~((section))~~ subsection.

27 (2) In computing the time periods in this section, the first day
28 is the date of hire.

29 (3) Only training curriculum approved by the department may be
30 used to fulfill the training requirements specified in this section.
31 The department shall only approve training curriculum that:

32 (a) Has been developed with input from consumer and worker
33 representatives; and

34 (b) Requires comprehensive instruction by qualified instructors.

35 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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