
HOUSE BILL 1760

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By Representatives Young, Shea, Kraft, Van Werven, and Graham

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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. It was then recodified as
9 WAC 110-148-1525 with the department of children, youth, and
10 families, effective July 1, 2018.

11 As home-based instruction can be an appropriate and effective
12 educational model for foster youth, the legislature intends to
13 reverse WAC 110-148-1525(1)(b) and allow foster parents to provide
14 home-based instruction to foster youth.

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

1 The department shall not deny a foster-family home license on the
2 sole basis that a foster youth in his or her care received home-based
3 instruction as described in RCW 28A.225.010(4).

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