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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2865**

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**By** House Human Services & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Chambers, Shewmake, Dent, McCaslin, Callan, Gildon, Senn, and Eslick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to informing families of kindergarten readiness  
2 standards; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.04  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section  
5 to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington  
8 kindergarten inventory of developing skills was implemented in 2012  
9 to measure the typical skills and characteristics of kindergarten-  
10 ready children. The legislature finds that parents, guardians, and  
11 caregivers are critical in the development process of young children  
12 and need information about what these standards are in order to help  
13 their child be prepared to enter the K-12 education system.  
14 Therefore, the legislature intends to direct public agencies to  
15 publicize guidelines and to develop and make available a guide  
16 specifically designed to help parents understand the elements of  
17 child development and kindergarten-readiness.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) By September 1, 2020, the superintendent of public  
2 instruction must develop a guide for parents and caregivers outlining  
3 ways they can help their child to become socially, emotionally,  
4 physically, and cognitively prepared for kindergarten. The  
5 superintendent must review the parent guide annually and update the  
6 guidelines as needed.

7 (2) By July 15th of each year, the superintendent of public  
8 instruction must make the current parent guide available on its  
9 public web site in the top ten languages spoken by families enrolled  
10 in the kindergarten through twelfth grade school system. The  
11 superintendent must create an electronic brochure of the parent guide  
12 that includes the web site address where the public can access the  
13 guide in each of the top ten languages. The superintendent must  
14 provide the electronic brochure at no cost to state agencies that  
15 provide or contract for direct services for parents, caregivers of  
16 dependent children in out-of-home care, and guardians of three and  
17 four-year olds, including:

- 18 (a) The department of children, youth, and families;
- 19 (b) The department of social and health services;
- 20 (c) The department of health; and
- 21 (d) The health care authority.

22 (3) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
23 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216  
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) The department must annually provide the parent guide  
27 developed under section 2 of this act to all known:

28 (a) Parents, caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home  
29 care, and guardians of three and four-year old children served by the  
30 department and the department's contractors; and

31 (b) Family day care providers and child day care centers licensed  
32 to serve three and four-year old children.

33 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
34 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04  
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 (1) The department must annually provide the parent guide  
38 developed under section 2 of this act to all known parents,

1 caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home care, and guardians  
2 of three and four-year old children eligible for and receiving public  
3 assistance, as defined in RCW 74.04.005.

4 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
5 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The department must annually include the parent guide  
9 developed under section 2 of this act in the child profile health  
10 promotion materials that are sent to households that include three or  
11 four-year old children.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
13 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) The authority must annually provide the parent guide  
17 developed under section 2 of this act to all known parents,  
18 caregivers of dependent children in out-of-home care, and guardians  
19 of three and four-year old children enrolled in the apple health for  
20 kids program.

21 (2) For purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the same  
22 meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

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