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**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1274**

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**By** Representatives Couture, Lekanoff, Eslick, Waters, Walsh, Griffey, Low, Hutchins, Dent, Taylor, Barnard, Connors, Rude, Sandlin, Slatter, Stonier, Harris, Reeves, Abbarno, Robertson, Senn, Davis, Gregerson, Christian, Schmidt, Orwall, Ramel, and Pollet

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1           AN ACT Relating to creating a child malnutrition field guide for  
2 the department of children, youth, and families; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

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

7           By September 1, 2023, the department, in consultation with the  
8 department of health, shall produce and make available to department  
9 staff a child malnutrition field guide. This child malnutrition field  
10 guide must:

11           (1) Be concise, but provide references to additional  
12 comprehensive and trauma-informed resources for department staff to  
13 access if needed;

14           (2) Be easily accessible by department staff;

15           (3) Describe how to identify signs of child malnutrition;

16           (4) Include appropriate questions to ask the child and others  
17 close to the child when child malnutrition is suspected;

18           (5) Include the appropriate next steps department staff may take  
19 when child malnutrition is suspected; and

1           (6) Include any additional information the department deems  
2 relevant.

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