

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6694

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As of February 1, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to establishing a foster parent retention pilot program.

**Brief Description:** Halting sexual acting out and offending behaviors in foster care.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wojahn, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Hargrove, Long, Oke, Winsley and Kohl-Welles.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 2/3/2000.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Staff:** Jinnah Rose-McFadden (786-7444)

**Background:** Concerns have been raised that foster parents do not receive proper support from Child Protective Services, leading to problems retaining foster parents who are willing and able to care for difficult and sexually aggressive children.

**Summary of Bill:** The foster parent retention pilot program is established to retain foster parents who care for sexually aggressive children. The program is run by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for two years.

Foster families taking part in the program are provided with direct services, including emergency assistance and training.

DCFS must prepare an evaluation of the program and present its findings before the appropriate legislative committees by December, 2001. The evaluation must analyze: the retention rate of foster parents taking part in the program, as compared to other foster parents caring for sexually aggressive children; the number of incidents of molestation by children in the program; and the estimated savings to the state.

**Appropriation:** \$330,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.