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- AN ACT Relating to payment to foster parents during investigations;
- 2 and adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) If the department investigates a therapeutic or treatment
 7 foster home for an allegation of an improper action and the child is
 8 removed from the home, the foster home shall continue to receive
 9 payment for the care of the child until the department determines if
 10 the allegation is founded or criminal charges are filed.
- 11 (2) For the purpose of this section a "therapeutic or treatment 12 foster home" is a licensed foster family which has been identified to 13 care for extremely behaviorally/emotionally disturbed children who 14 cannot function in a family home without specialized treatment and 15 expertise.

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