
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1668

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald, Kagi, Boldt, Tokuda, Dickerson and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents; creating new sections; providing
2 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington
5 state is experiencing a significant shortage of quality foster homes
6 and that the majority of children entering the system are difficult to
7 place due to their complex needs. The legislature intends to provide
8 additional assistance to those families willing to serve as foster
9 parents.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Foster parents are required to complete
11 first aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training to become licensed. The department
12 of social and health services may waive the first aid/CPR training if
13 the foster parent has current certification or has professional
14 background in this area. The department may waive the HIV/AIDS
15 training if the foster parent has completed HIV/AIDS training in the
16 last five years or has professional or educational background in this
17 area. The cost of this mandatory training is a financial barrier for
18 some people who consider becoming a foster parent. The department of

1 social and health services shall provide all new and current foster
2 parents with first aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
6 July 1, 1999.

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