CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1619

Chapter 338, Laws of 1999
(partial veto)

56th Legislature
1999 Regular Session

FOSTER PARENTS--PROPERTY DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the House April 20, 1999
Yeas 96  Nays 0

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1999
Yeas 48  Nays 0

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1619 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to foster parents; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW to read as follows:

Within available funds and subject to such conditions and limitations as may be established by the department or by the legislature in the omnibus appropriations act, the department of social and health services shall reimburse foster parents for property damaged or destroyed by foster children placed in their care. The department shall establish by rule a maximum amount that may be reimbursed for...
each occurrence. The department shall reimburse the foster parent for
the replacement value of any property covered by this section. If the
damaged or destroyed property is covered and reimbursed under an
insurance policy, the department shall reimburse foster parents for the
amount of the deductible associated with the insurance claim, up to the
limit per occurrence as established by the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of this
act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
void.

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

*Sec. 4 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.
Passed the House April 20, 1999.
Passed the Senate April 14, 1999.
Approved by the Governor May 14, 1999, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 14, 1999.

Note: Governor’s explanation of partial veto is as follows:
"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 4,
Substitute House Bill No. 1619 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to foster parents;"

Substitute House Bill No. 1619 requires the Department of Social
and Health Services (DSHS) to reimburse foster parents for the
replacement value of property damaged or destroyed by foster children
in their care. It requires DSHS to develop rules regarding the maximum
amount that may be reimbursed for each occurrence.

Section 4 of the bill would have required the program to begin by
July 1, 1999. Unfortunately, there is not adequate time between now
and July 1, 1999 for DSHS to make the rules necessary to implement this
legislation.

For these reasons I have vetoed section 4 of Substitute House Bill
No. 1619.

With the exception of section 4, Substitute House Bill No. 1619 is
approved."