

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1249**

Chapter 265, Laws of 2001

57th Legislature  
2001 Regular Legislative Session

FOSTER CARE--ACCREDITATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/22/01

Passed by the House April 20, 2001  
Yeas 90 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 19, 2001  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 11, 2001

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1249** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

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May 11, 2001 - 9:57 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Boldt, Ballasiotes, Tokuda, Dickerson, Gombosky, Darneille, Morell, Anderson, Schual-Berke, Esser, McIntire, Doumit, Kenney, Clements, Edwards, Fromhold, Miloscia, Barlean, Talcott, Ruderman, Conway, Kessler, Ogden, Lovick, D. Schmidt, O'Brien, Edmonds, Wood and Haigh)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to the quality of foster care services; and adding  
2 new sections to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW,  
5 to be codified after RCW 74.13.010, to read as follows:

6            The legislature finds that accreditation of children's services by  
7 an independent entity can significantly improve the quality of services  
8 provided to children and families. Accreditation involves an ongoing  
9 commitment to meeting nationally recognized standards of practice in  
10 child welfare and holds organizations accountable for achieving  
11 improved outcomes for children.

12            Accreditation is a structured process designed to facilitate  
13 organizational change and improvement within individual local offices.  
14 Standards require improved case management, documentation, internal  
15 case management practices, and accountability. Accreditation requires  
16 the establishment of clear communication with biological parents,  
17 foster and adoptive parents, providers, the courts, and members of the  
18 community.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW,  
2    to be codified after section 1 of this act, to read as follows:

3        The department shall undertake the process of accreditation with  
4    the goal of completion by July 2006.    The department, in conjunction  
5    with a national independent accreditation entity, shall report to the  
6    appropriate legislative committees its progress towards complete  
7    accreditation on an annual basis, starting December 2001.

      Passed the House April 20, 2001.

      Passed the Senate April 19, 2001.

      Approved by the Governor May 11, 2001.

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