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By Senators Billig, Litzow, Jayapal, and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to increased efficiency in child care reporting;
2 and amending RCW 43.215.135 and 43.215.1352.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2013 c 323 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall establish and implement policies in the
7 working connections child care program to promote stability and
8 quality of care for children from low-income households. Policies for
9 the expenditure of funds constituting the working connections child
10 care program must be consistent with the outcome measures defined in
11 RCW 74.08A.410 and the standards established in this section intended
12 to promote continuity of care for children.

13 (2) Beginning in fiscal year 2013, authorizations for the working
14 connections child care subsidy shall be effective for twelve months
15 (~~((unless a change in circumstances necessitates reauthorization~~
16 ~~sooner than twelve months))). The twelve-month certification applies
17 only if the enrollments in the child care subsidy or working
18 connections child care program are capped.~~

19 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
20 specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2013, working connections
21 child care providers shall receive a five percent increase in the

1 subsidy rate for enrolling in level 2 in the early achievers
2 programs. Providers must complete level 2 and advance to level 3
3 within thirty months in order to maintain this increase.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.215.1352 and 2012 c 251 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 When an applicant or recipient applies for or receives working
7 connections child care benefits, (~~he or she~~) the applicant or
8 recipient is required to(~~+~~

9 ~~(1))~~ notify the department of social and health services, within
10 five days, of any change in providers(~~+~~and

11 ~~(2) Notify the department of social and health services, within~~
12 ~~ten days, about any significant change related to the number of child~~
13 ~~care hours the applicant or recipient needs, cost sharing, or~~
14 ~~eligibility)).~~

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