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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Muri, Stonier, Stambaugh, Sawyer, Kagi, Sells, Reeves, Ormsby, Jinkins, Santos, Bergquist, Doglio, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Stanford, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing services and supports to pregnant
2 and parenting minors to improve educational attainment; adding a new
3 section to chapter 74.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.216
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.160 RCW; creating a new
5 section; and providing an effective date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the United
8 States census reported for 2016 that nearly twenty-five percent of
9 people ages twenty-five and older without a high school diploma lived
10 in poverty and that intergenerational poverty can affect the lives of
11 future generations unless the cycle of poverty is interrupted with
12 effective services. Therefore, the legislature intends to improve
13 family unity, student outcomes, and the development of our future
14 workforce by removing programmatic barriers to services for pregnant
15 and parenting minors.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) An applicant who is under eighteen years of age and is
19 pregnant or has a dependent child or children in the applicant's care

1 is eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families
2 regardless of the applicant's income or available resources.

3 (2) In order to be eligible, the minor parent must be actively
4 progressing towards meeting the education requirements established
5 under RCW 74.08A.380 and be otherwise qualified to receive assistance
6 under this title.

7 (3) If a minor parent lives with a parent or guardian who is not
8 receiving assistance under this title, the income and resources of
9 the parent or guardian of the applicant may not be considered for the
10 purposes of determining the minor parent's eligibility for
11 assistance.

12 (4) If a minor parent lives with their child's natural or
13 adoptive parent or stepparent, the income and resources of the other
14 parent may not be considered for the purposes of determining the
15 minor parent's eligibility for assistance.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 A parent who is under eighteen years of age and is attending high
19 school or is working toward completing a general educational
20 development certificate is eligible to receive working connections
21 child care. When determining consumer eligibility and copayment under
22 this section, the department of social and health services:

23 (1) Must, within existing resources, authorize full-day
24 subsidized child care during the school year in cases where:

25 (a) The consumer is participating in one hundred ten hours of
26 approved activities per month;

27 (b) The household income of the consumer does not exceed eighty-
28 five percent of the state median income; and

29 (c) The consumer meets all other program eligibility
30 requirements;

31 (2) May not consider the availability of the other biological
32 parent to provide care; and

33 (3) May not require a copayment that is greater than the minimum
34 copayment established by the department for the program in rule.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 (1) By July 1, 2020, at the request of an eligible student, a
38 school district:

1 (a) May allow the student to transport his or her infant on a
2 school bus or other student transportation vehicle provided by the
3 district. The infant must be transported in a rear-facing child
4 restraint system as defined in the federal motor vehicle safety
5 standards in 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.213;

6 (b) Must, in cases where a district denies a student's request to
7 transport his or her infant by school bus, authorize other
8 arrangements for individual transportation in accordance with RCW
9 28A.160.030.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "eligible student" has the
11 same meaning as set forth in RCW 28A.160.160.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect
13 May 1, 2019.

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