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By Representatives Dolan, Doglio, Jinkins, Paul, Ryu, Walen, Pollet,
and Davis

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Early Learning.

1 AN ACT Relating to informing new parents about adverse childhood
2 experiences; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that when parents
6 and caregivers have supports and connections to services they can
7 raise healthy and resilient children. A trusted relationship with an
8 adult is one of the strongest protective factors against childhood
9 adversity. Strategies that are resiliency-building and support
10 engagement between children and trusted adults are good for all
11 children and especially benefit those who are at risk for adverse
12 childhood experiences.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The department shall identify videos, printed material, and
16 other parent support tools and resources that promote safe, stable,
17 and nurturing relationships and environments. The department shall
18 make these resources available on a web site that is accessible and
19 available in the five most commonly spoken languages in the state.
20 The department shall promote the web site with provider organizations

1 and state and local government agencies to encourage the use and
2 availability of the videos and printed materials in waiting rooms and
3 receptionist areas where parents and children may be waiting to
4 receive health care or other services.

5 (2) The department shall review and include resiliency promotion
6 and adverse childhood experiences mitigation messaging in the child
7 profile health promotion materials that are sent to all families with
8 children from birth through six years old.

9 (3) The department shall develop training modules for community
10 health workers and other peer educators and health care providers
11 related to topics such as resiliency, prevention and mitigation of
12 adverse childhood experiences, childhood adversity, childhood trauma,
13 and the promotion of safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and
14 environments.

15 (4) The department shall develop and implement a pilot program
16 with one or more local clinics or organizations to screen for adverse
17 childhood experiences using an evidence-informed or promising
18 practices-informed questionnaire and provide linkages to appropriate
19 community and clinical resources. By December 1, 2020, the department
20 shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature with
21 the results of the pilot program, including the levels of adverse
22 childhood experiences that were reported, the effectiveness of the
23 questionnaires used, any challenges related to training staff to use
24 the questionnaire, and any recommendations for improving the use of
25 the screening tools and expanding the adoption of the screening tools
26 as a part of community and clinical practices.

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