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By Senators Long, Hargrove, Franklin, Zarelli and Winsley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to modification of the adoption support  
2 reconsideration program; and amending RCW 74.13.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.150 and 1990 c 285 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department of social and health services shall establish,  
7 within funds appropriated for the purpose, a reconsideration program to  
8 provide medical and counseling services through the adoption support  
9 program for children of families who apply for services after the  
10 adoption is final. Families requesting services through the program  
11 shall provide any information requested by the department for the  
12 purpose of processing the family's application for services.

13 (2) A child meeting the eligibility criteria for registration with  
14 the program is one who:

15 (a) Was residing in foster care funded by the department  
16 immediately prior to the adoptive placement;

17 (b) Had a physical or mental handicap or emotional disturbance that  
18 existed and was documented prior to the adoption or was at high risk of

1 future physical or mental handicap or emotional disturbance as a result  
2 of conditions exposed to prior to the adoption; and

3 (c) Resides in the state of Washington with an adoptive parent who  
4 lacks the necessary financial means to care for the child's special  
5 need.

6 (3) If a family is accepted for registration and meets the criteria  
7 in subsection (2) of this section, the department may enter into an  
8 agreement for services. Prior to entering into an agreement for  
9 services through the program, the medical needs of the child must be  
10 reviewed and approved by the department(~~(('s office of personal health~~  
11 ~~services))~~).

12 (4) Any services provided pursuant to an agreement between a family  
13 and the department shall be met from the department's medical program.  
14 Such services shall be limited to:

15 (a) Services provided after finalization of an agreement between a  
16 family and the department pursuant to this section;

17 (b) Services not covered by the family's insurance or other  
18 available assistance; and

19 (c) Services related to the eligible child's identified physical or  
20 mental handicap or emotional disturbance that existed prior to the  
21 adoption.

22 (5) Any payment by the department for services provided pursuant to  
23 an agreement shall be made directly to the physician or provider of  
24 services according to the department's established procedures.

25 (6) The total costs payable by the department for services provided  
26 pursuant to an agreement shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars per  
27 child.

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