
SENATE BILL 5653

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By Senators Roach, McCaslin, and Carrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to public access to information about foster
2 parents; and adding a new section 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 read as follows:

6 (1) The department must maintain for public review upon request the
7 following information regarding licensed foster parents and foster
8 parents who wish to adopt:

9 (a) General residence area listed by region and local jurisdiction;

10 (b) Any record of misdemeanor or felony convictions;

11 (c) Current employment and employment history with salary range;

12 (d) Educational attainment;

13 (e) Marital or domestic partnership history to include number of
14 unions and current status;

15 (f) Number of adults living in the foster home and relationship to
16 the foster parent;

17 (g) Number and ages of children living in the home at the time of
18 placement, to be updated every six months;

1 (h) The race or cultural background of the foster child or children
2 as compared with the foster parents or foster parents who wish to adopt
3 and any other person or persons residing in the home.

4 (2) The information must be displayed individually based upon case
5 number.

6 (3) The department shall also include the amount of federal and
7 state money spent on each child, including medical care costs, during
8 the child's out-of-home placement.

9 (4) The information must not include the names of the foster child
10 or of the foster parents or foster parents who wish to adopt.

11 (5) The department must update this information on a semiannual
12 basis.

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